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## Suggest 7-Cent Increase

Also 40-Hour Week For Railroad Employees Who do Not Operate Trains

By Norman Walker  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—A presidential board today recommended that the railroads give their "non-operating" employees a seven cents an hour wage increase immediately and put them on a 40-hour week next September without loss in pay.

The non-operating employees—the clerks and mechanical workers who do not operate trains—now work 48 hours a week.

The board proposes that the seven-cent increase be retroactive to Oct. 1.

Under the proposal, the shift to the 40-hour week would be made without any change in "take home" pay. The board calculated that it would take the equivalent of a 20 per cent increase in base rates to preserve the "take home" pay unchanged.

The board estimated its proposals would cost the railroads \$340,000,000 in 1949. This would include \$150,000,000 for the cost of the 40-hour week from September to the end of 1949, plus the seven-cent increase for all of 1948.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Representatives of 16 non-operating railroad unions will meet in Chicago on Monday and Tuesday to decide whether to accept the recommendations of a presidential fact-finding board in their wage-hour dispute with the nation's carriers.

Some 1,200 representatives of the 1,000,000 rail workers are expected to attend the two-day session. Although the unions have taken a strike vote, terms of the Railway Labor Act prohibit a walkout for 30 days after the board's report is submitted to the president.

Union Reaction  
First reaction on the union side was a comment from George M. Harrison, head of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, that the recommendations, "on the whole afford a good basis for negotiation of a settlement of the dispute."

Harrison added:  
"We're disappointed that the shorter work week has been deferred until September 1, 1949. Otherwise it is a step in the right direction. We also are disappointed that the board saw fit to recommend only a seven-cent pay increase. We had asked for 25 cents."

Now Have 48-Hour Week  
The workers had asked a cut in the work week to 40 hours, with out any reduction in "take home" pay and—on top of that—a 25 cents an hour wage increase.

The so-called "non-operating" railroad workers are those who do not operate trains.

The board's recommendations, made today to President Truman, are not binding on the carriers or unions. But such recommendations made under terms of the Railway Labor Act usually form the basis for dispute settlements.

The board was headed by William M. Leiserson, with David L. Cole and George Cook as members.

Now Part of Policy  
The board said it felt the non-operating rail workers should get the 40-hour week because "all other interstate industries have had the 40 hour week since 1938 when the Fair Labor Standards Act was adopted."

The board recommended the railroads be given until September 1, 1949, to prepare for inaugurations of the shorter work week.

Meanwhile, it said, an immediate seven cents hourly wage increase should be granted retroactive to October 1.

The board said the seven-cent increase would be "considerably lower" than the general pattern of third round wage increases in (Please Turn To Page 4 Col. 1)

## Sedalia Democrat's Motorized Newsboy



Philip Salley, 13, son of Mayor and Mrs. Gus C. Salley, Warsaw, delivers the Sedalia Democrat on combination garden tractor and lawn mower. The papers are carried in the box on the rear of the vehicle. "It beats walking," says young Salley. (M. N. White Photo)

## Super-DeLuxe Plane Was Not For Dewey

An Alternate For Presidential 'Independence'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—That super-deluxe airliner was built for presidential use all right, Air Force Secretary Symington says, but not for "president" Dewey.

The plane in question is a million dollar Lockheed Constellation specially outfitted with office, galley and other equipment a busy executive might need.

According to a New York newspaper story Wednesday, the air force had readied it for use of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in the expectation the GOP nominee would win the presidential prize.

But Symington said yesterday the report was not true and "has hurt the air force very badly."

He gave this account to a group of 50 aviation industry officials:

In the summer of 1947, the air force had only one modern transport pressurized for high flying comfort—the new presidential plane, the Independence, a Douglas DC-6.

Discussed It With Truman  
Symington said he discussed the plane's performance with President Truman after the DC-6's began having serious trouble. He quoted Mr. Truman as saying there was "something in the back" of the DC-6's he didn't like.

These planes subsequently were grounded in November, 1947 to make structural changes after two serious fires had occurred while in flight.

The secretary said the air force then decided to convert into an executive plane one of the 10 cargo-type Constellations it had ordered.

Satisfied With Independence  
Some months ago, he said, he again took up the matter with Mr. Truman, who then expressed satisfaction with the Independence. Symington said the President told him however that he would like the new Constellation as an alternate.

Symington told the aviation group the Lockheed workers who converted the Constellation jokingly prepared this fictitious "change order" after the election:

1. Remove mustache cup.  
2. Insert piano.  
3. Attach sheet music including "Missouri Waltz" and "My Old Kentucky Home."

Rose Colored Albino Leopard  
NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—Did you ever see an animal with rose-colored fur and orange spots, glaring at you with glazed yellow eyes?

Visitors to the Central Park Zoo did yesterday.

There was considerable surprise—and some shudders—until keepers explained it was an Albino leopard named Jinx, newly arrived from Mozambique.

Jinx made a reluctant New York debut, spending most of the day sulking behind a stump in its cage.

## Some Tie-Mely Advice Given

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 17 (AP)—All right girls, before you mob the necktie counters for Christmas gifts—get some tie-mely advice from Senior Valles of men's wardrobe division:

"If you're not sure, buy a knit in a solid color.

"Never buy a tie with a high sheen.

"If you're confident, try a polka-dot or even a college stripe with several colors.

"If you're very sure, might even try a small pattern, but stay away from large patterns hand painted ties or plaids."

How about bow ties, professor? "The bow tie belongs to youth: Age limit 35."

Large Crowd At Christmas Carol Festival  
First Program Sponsored by Queen City Chorale

An enthusiastic crowd filled the First Christian church on Thursday night for Sedalia's first annual Christmas Carol Festival sponsored by the Queen City Chorale.

The voices of young and old alike were raised in the traditional Christmas hymns of praise and adoration.

The impressive and beautiful trumpet and organ prelude played by James Watts, Jr., and Miss Dorothy Ann Reed set the tone for the evening.

The carol singing was begun with a procession by the robed choir to "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" with Miss Lillian Fox at the organ. The invocation was given by Rev. Walter P. Arnold.

Four groups of carols featuring the direction of E. T. Martin, J. T. Alexander, E. L. Roffey and Delbert E. Johnson were enjoyed by choir and congregation.

The Scottish Rite Male Quartette of Kansas City, accompanied by Miss Lillian Fox, highlighted the program with their rendition of "Shepherds Awake" and the humorous "Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town."

A Visiting Musician  
Miss Mary Louise Freilich, young mariniest from Kansas City gave variety to the program with a group of marimba solos during the offertory. Rev. H. U. Campbell gave the offertory service.

Christmas greetings were extended by Mrs. E. F. Yancey, life president of the Helen G. Steele Music Club and First Honorary President of the Queen City Chorale.

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Announcement of Post Office Hours  
Edward P. Mullaey, postmaster, announces the following post office hours for Saturday, through Tuesday, the office to be open several additional hours to accommodate the public.

Saturday, Dec. 18—8:00 to 12 a. m. 2:00 until 5:00 p. m. 7:00 until 9:00 p. m.  
Sunday, Dec. 19—2:00 until 5:00 p. m. 7:00 until 9:00 p. m.  
Monday, Dec. 20—8:00 a. m. until 5:45 p. m. 7:00 until 9:00 p. m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 21—8:00 a. m. until 5:45 p. m. 7:00 until 9:00 p. m.

Found Not Guilty  
SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 17 (AP)—E. O. Smith, Springfield bakery shop owner, was acquitted today by a federal court jury which tried him on charges of mail fraud.

Government witnesses testified he sold them a "magic talisman" which didn't bring them as much good fortune as they said he had promised. One prosecution witness, Mrs. Elizabeth Hicks, of Claremore, Okla., said she thought she was ordering "Talisman."

Smith pleaded good intent.

Stores Open Four Nights Next Week  
The stores will be open in the downtown district until 9:00 o'clock Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights of next week. They will not be open on Christmas Eve.

## Reds Can Take City At Will

Is Statement of Chinese Communist Concerning Peiping Encircled Easily

By The Associated Press  
Chiang Kai-Shek's east China command headquarters began pulling out of Pengpu today after Communists claimed to have wiped out the trapped 12th Army group of 110,000 men.

Gen. Fu Tso-Yi, commander in north China, went through motions of fighting for Peiping, which he allowed the Communists to encircle with hardly a battle. He has been represented as trying to get an agreement with his foe. A Communist spokesman in Hongkong said Fu is using Peiping as a bargaining point and that Communist troops can take the city at will.

Pengpu was anchor of the flimsy Hwai river defense line, 105 miles from the capital of Nanking. The next and last line is the Yangtze river, on the south bank of which Nanking lies.

Army Group Wiped Out  
It appeared likely the 12 army group was indeed wiped out. A larger trapped group of 250,000 men, whose commanders had bungled in staying too long in Suchow, was being compressed steadily by the Reds. Aside from these troops, little stood in front of the half million Communists pouring down toward Nanking.

The government withdrew from the Grand canal town of Paoing, 90 miles northeast of Nanking. Chiang stayed in seclusion. His friends have been urging him to resign.

Artillery fire echoed through Peiping, the ancient and beautiful old capital of China. The government said Nationalist forces are counter-attacking with some success, but Chinese government reports have been notably false.

Yesterday, for instance, government sources said the 12th Berlin Radio Operating business denouncing the west, 12 hour after the French knocked down its transmission towers near an airfield. Communists speared invectives against the French action. The Russians, who ignored the French notification last month that the towers in the French zone would be downed, now protested. The Soviet army newspaper hinted reprisals.

Killed British Soldier  
The British said Russian troops killed a British soldier and captured eight others when they crossed into the Soviet zone of Germany by accident Wednesday. The men have not been freed.

Syria asked the United Nations Security Council to take up at once an Egyptian complaint that Jews attacked pocketed Egyptians in the Negev desert at Faluja yesterday.

Syria, Britain and France all urged the council to postpone action on Israel's bid for U. N. membership. The British delegate said Jewish troops have infringed on the borders of Lebanon and Trans-Jordan.

25 Calves Dead In Truck Wreck  
CARROLLTON, Mo., Dec. 17 (AP)—Some two dozen calves, part of a load which escaped from a wrecked stock truck, were hunted today in an area 17 miles north of here.

The informal rodeo began yesterday when a truck driven by James H. Roller, 48, Springfield, Mo., overturned in a ditch, killing 25 calves and freeing 75 others.

Tourists, farmers and horsemen took part in the roundup and by nightfall had succeeded in capturing about 50 of them.

Further search was resumed today for the others, wandering through brush and unfenced fields in the area.

Roller, who was taking the load from Springfield to Dubuque, Ia., was brought to a hospital here for treatment.

George W. Downing, state highway trooper, said Roller told him he lost control of the vehicle after coming upon five stray horses on U. S. Highway 65. Two of the animals were killed, one being catapulted over the hood of the truck.

Bothwell Hospital Notes  
Admitted for medical treatment: Mrs. Frank Monroe, 232 South Kentucky avenue and Bernie Sharner, Smithton.  
Admitted for surgery: Donald Vanderlinde, 1405 East Fourth street.  
Dismissed: Mrs. William Phillips, of Ottaville; A. R. Powers, 1208 West Sixteenth street; Mrs. Josie Corman, of Cole Camp; and Mrs. H. C. Wittman, of Ottaville.  
Admitted for medical treatment: Henry Ewing, 1523 East Fourth street and William Hill, Jr., 509 West Second.  
Dismissed: Earl Schroeder, Beauman and Mrs. Philip Bolten and son, 105 East Boonville avenue.

## 'Kitty Hawk,' Wright Bros. Plane is Welcomed Back

By James J. Streib  
Associated Press Aviation Reporter  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The Wright Brothers' airplane, symbol of man's conquest of the air, today was officially welcomed home.

The frail craft, now hanging in the Smithsonian Institution, was formally accepted for the nation in a ceremony just 45 years to the hour after Wilbur and Orville Wright took the machine aloft from the sands near Kitty Hawk, N. C.

President Truman sent a message read to the 800 guests present saying the Wright plane "will quicken in all hearts an appreciation of the achievements of American inventive genius."

The guests sat beneath the "Kitty Hawk" as the Wright plane is known after the site where it first flew, and "the Spirit of St. Louis," the plane flown by Charles A. Lindbergh on his historic New York-Paris flight in 1927.

Meyers Charges He Didn't Get Fair Trial  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers asked the supreme court today to throw out his conviction on charges of subornation to perjury—persuading another man to lie under oath.

He told the high court in a petition that he did not get a fair trial and that the way he was treated is "disgraceful."

President AFL Replies to Police Officers  
Harry Hull, president of the Sedalia Federation of Labor, today replied to members of Police Local Union No. 122 in another of the series of letter exchanges over discharge of three police officers recently, a matter which may come before city council for decision Monday evening, December 20.

Hull, in his letter addressed to Norbert White, Volvie Moore and A. Jordan, says:

"In reply to the letter of December 14, which was published in the Sedalia Democrat December 16, you state the Federation should enter the controversial matter of firing the police officers in question only at the behest of local union No. 122."

"I would like to call to your attention the fact that these police officers were fired on November 19 and 20, and only two days later without any committee action you addressed a letter to the Mayor and Council members stating the following:

"The Chief of Police Edgar Neighbors was justified and is given our approval on his actions of the discharging of the following officers: George Maness, Melvin Shoemaker and John Neitzer. "And now you are asking that these officers come before that same committee that sold them down the river."

"It should be obvious to any citizen that inasmuch as this letter upholding the Chief of Police in his decision to fire the officers in question without benefit of a fair and impartial hearing is more than reason for justification for me to take action on the part of the union members I represent."

"Chief Neighbors has stated the reasons for firing these officers was to improve the morale of the Police Department. If he is sincere in his desire then why did he not fire the police officer who he himself admits was caught sleeping while on duty."

"As a union representative I am only interested in seeing that justice is done and not in any political aspects which may be present and I believe that the citizens of Sedalia should be at the next Council meeting which will be held in the City Hall, Monday, night at 7:30 p. m. December 20."

Sincerely,  
Harry Hull."

Children in GI City, Columbia Still Have Christmas Trees  
COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 17 (AP)—The kids in GI City, Dairy Lawn and Fairway Village still had their little Christmas trees in the little trailer homes of the ex-GI parents at the University of Missouri here today—and it looked like they might be going to keep them.

We're going to keep them up until the university authorities come in and take them down," Mrs. Pat Casey, secretary of the university-owned Dairy Lawn trailer camp said—and some other trailer camp parents were going out today to buy Christmas trees, right in the face of the university ban.

As for going in and taking them down—well, the university isn't going to do that.

No Move To Enforce Ban  
Paul Hanna, business manager of the university, who was carrying the ball today for Leslie Cowan, vice-president of the university in charge of business operations, said:

"There will be no move to enforce this ban."

Cowan, from whose office the ban originated, was out of town—in New York, his office said.

Hang From Ceiling  
Both planes now are suspended from the ceiling in the north hall of the museum's arts and industry building. For 20 years the Kitty Hawk was on display in the British museum in London until it was recently returned to the United States.

As the acceptance ceremony took place, jet planes flashed across the sky and huge B-29's and a B-36 roared over the capital in an air display perhaps even undreamed of by the Wrights when they built their small flying machine.

Mr. Truman's message, read by his Air Force aide, Col. Robert B. Landrey, joined in expressing gratitude to the Wright heirs for their cooperation in making the priceless relic available for display in the national museum.

The crowd included a few who learned to fly under the Wright brothers during the first years of the airplane.

Officers State Doctor Took Poison Pills  
When They Went To Question Him About Stabbing

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17 (AP)—Detective Sgt. Charles Beckman said today that Dr. Robert C. Rutledge, 27, swallowed several poison pills as police arrived at his home to arrest him for questioning in the fatal stabbing Tuesday night of a St. Louis Electric company employee in a Cedar Rapids, Iowa, hotel room.

The doctor, who is a resident physician at St. Louis children's hospital, is in a critical condition.

Sgt. Beckman said Rutledge muttered phrases about having swallowed poison pills but was not able to add any coherent words.

The body of Byron C. Hattman, designer employed at the Emerson Electric Manufacturing company here, was found in the Cedar Rapids hotel room by a maid Wednesday morning. There was evidence of a terrific struggle and an inquest disclosed Hattman died of a stab wound.

Beckman quoted Mrs. Rutledge, 23, as saying she had been intimate with Hattman since July and that her husband went to Cedar Rapids when Hattman left the city Monday "to have it out with him."

He said authorities sought to question Dr. Rutledge after learning from Hattman's fellow employees that the young doctor sought revenge for Hattman's attentions to Mrs. Rutledge.

Detective Capt. William Washer said Rutledge was in the bathroom of his apartment and took the poison when his wife told him police were there to arrest him.

Rutledge collapsed in a police scout car enroute to police headquarters and was taken to city hospital. His stomach was pumped and a chemical analysis of the poison was being made.

Mrs. Rutledge, under questioning, said her husband returned home early Wednesday with a black eye and said he had been in a "terrible fight." She said he told her the police might come to see him.

"If he do," police said she quoted her husband, "you answer the door and keep them in the living room."

Mrs. Rutledge told police her husband did not know Hattman was dead until he read newspaper accounts.

Mrs. Rutledge, six feet tall and has blonde hair. She is the former Miss Sydney Goodrich, daughter of Dr. Howard D. Goodrich of Hannibal, president of the Missouri State Board of Medical examiners.

Dr. and Mrs. Rutledge were married in June, 1946, three months after his graduation from Washington university medical school.

Rutledge's home is in Houston, Texas.

## Tighter Laws Are Needed

Administration Considering Matter Of Espionage And How to Handle it

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Attorney General Clark said today the administration will ask for tightening of the nation's espionage laws as soon as the new Congress meets next month.

Clark made the statement after attending a meeting of President Truman's cabinet at the White House.

Mr. Truman told his news conference yesterday, in reply to a question, that he had asked Clark to look into the possibility of tightening up the espionage laws. He said the Justice Department had been studying the matter for some time, but that it was a difficult matter to handle and still stay within the Constitution's Bill of Rights.

Today, Clark was asked what was being done by his department along the lines Mr. Truman mentioned. He replied:

"We'll have some recommendations right at the beginning of the session—amendments to the present statutes on espionage."

No Details  
He refused to go into detail. As Clark made this statement, congressional spy hunters told reporters the man accused of getting the Norden bombsight secret for Russia is a ballistics expert who has been spotted and questioned by federal agents.

The House Un-American Activities committee also:

Showed signs of reopening the Alger Hiss case by asking Francis B. Sayre, former assistant secretary of State and Hiss' one-time boss, to be a witness Monday or Tuesday.

Assigned Rep. McDowell (R-Pa) to go to New York as a one-man sub-committee and question other witnesses about Hiss' activities back in the 1930s.

Kept its furious feud going with President Truman and the Justice Department. Truman isn't changing a bit his stand that the committee spy case is a "red herring." That's what he told a news conference late yesterday.

Committee Jeered  
Committee members jeered at that, especially since a New York grand jury indicted Hiss on a perjury charge on evidence turned up as a result of the committee's spy hearings.

Committeemen said they understood the bombsight suspect testified to that same grand jury and that a new grand jury will go more deeply into the case. It was set up after the other jury expired at midnight Wednesday.

Rep. Mundt (R-SD), acting committee chairman, has said the man is a civilian employee of the army at its Aberdeen (Md.) proving ground but is temporarily on leave because of illness. The proving ground tests weapons and all sorts of equipment.

Chambers Named Man  
The man is described as an authority on such things as rockets, bombing tables and projectiles in general, but not anyone with a fancy title or salary.

Whittaker Chambers, who has testified that he was a courier for a Red spy ring before splitting with the Communists in 1938, apparently supplied the man's name to the committee as something of an afterthought.

Chambers named Hiss as among his sources of secret documents he says were sneaked from government offices, copied so the information on them could be turned over to the Reds, and then put back.

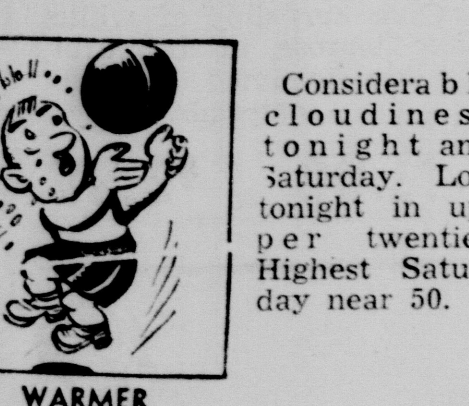
Hiss has denied having any part in such activity and has said he told the truth to the grand jury.

Princess Leaves Palace  
LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Princess Elizabeth left Buckingham Palace today for her first outing since the birth of her son, Prince Charles, a month ago.

Riding in the front seat of a car beside the Duke of Edinburgh who was at the wheel, the Princess went to inspect work at Clarence House, which will be the couple's official London residence.

Girl Scout Council For Girl Scouts Saturday  
The annual Christmas party given by the Girl Scout Council will be held at the Liberty theater Saturday morning from 10:00 to 12:00 o'clock at which time all Girl Scouts, Brownies, Intermediates and Seniors, will be guests of the council.

## The Weather



Considerable cloudiness tonight and Saturday. Low tonight in upper twenties. Highest Saturday near 50.

Temperature: 7 a. m. 22 degrees; 2 p. m. 40 degrees.  
Sun rise 7:25 a. m., Sun set 4:32 p. m.  
Lake of the Ozarks: 7.7; fall 1.

## Thought For Today

Friendship, peculiar boon of Heaven; the noble mind's delight and pride. To men and angels only given, to all the lower world denied.—Samuel Johnson.





by Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—It is not being advertised, but one high official who frowned on the prosecution of Jap war lords was the top man in the army department—Secretary of the Army Kenneth Royall.

When Joseph B. Keenan, patriotic attorney who spent two years of his life as war crimes prosecutor in Tokyo, reported to Royall the other day, the secretary of the army stated flatly that he was dead opposed to war crimes prosecution.

"Suppose something should happen in Berlin to cause a war," argued Royall. "The Russians might shoot General Clay as a war criminal—if we set this precedent."

"They probably would," replied Keenan. "Those are the risks that brave men take."

"But," continued Keenan, "when a boy of twenty is taken from his home through no fault of his, and put on a transport, and sails up to Okinawa and then is told by his commander to take that island, though he may not want to go at all and though he knows his chances of coming out alive are almost nil—then I say that the war lords who start such a war must be punished."

"It was no fault of millions of American boys that they had to

leave their homes. It was the fault of a little group of men sitting safely in Tokyo who decreed that Japan was to rule the Pacific. And when we make an example of them," concluded Keenan, "there will be less chance of war in the future."

Note—Secretary of the army Royall defended the Nazi saboteurs in court when they were tried as spies during the war. He has also done his best to discourage the war crimes trials at Nuremberg. However, this is the first time Royall put himself on record so bluntly regarding a policy which has been officially adopted by the U. S. government.

**Turkey at White House**  
Turkey raising has become big business since President Truman was a farm boy in Missouri. When Graydon McCulley and Chester Housh of the National Turkey Federation presented Truman with two birds for his Christmas dinner, weighing 40 and 14 pounds, McCulley remarked that Housh raises from 50,000 to 100,000 turkeys every year on his Elkton, Virginia, farm. "That's remarkable to an old farmhand like myself," observed the president. "When I was a boy in Missouri, I figured I was doing pretty well if I raised five turkeys a year."

"Well, we get a lot of cooperation from the department of agriculture now that you didn't get then, Mr. President," said Housh, modestly. "The experimentation the department has been conducting at Beltsville, Maryland, not only has helped us raise bigger and better turkeys, but more of them."

Note—The White House usually gets half a dozen or more gift turkeys at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mrs. Truman uses several of them for her family and all the White House staff, then sends the surplus birds to hospitals and charitable institutions.

**Reforming California**  
President Truman would like to reform California's confusing cross filing system which permits a candidate to run on both the Republican and Democratic tickets—which was how Gov. Earl Warren swept the state in his race for the governorship.

Chatting privately with Oakland's live wire Mayor Joe Smith, the president left Warren's name out of it, but he called for a "stronger two party system" in California. "A strong two-party system is essential to democratic government," the president lectured. Mayor Smith called at the

Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams



Our Boarding House . . . With Major Hoople



Recluse Made Ready For War

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Dec. 17—(AP)—A 75-year-old recluse who was preparing to fight the next war was found dead Thursday in a junk crammed home. The house contained many kinds of war materials, including guns and trunks full of uniforms of the Spanish-American war. Neighbors had not seen Harry Adams Hilton for about three days. So today deputy sheriffs dug their way through junk and found Hilton, a large man, dead in a hollowed out place among sacks and newspapers. The deputies found crowbars among the junk and tore out the side of a wall. Then they had to dig through six feet of piled up junk to reach the body. Neighbors said the old man was preparing to fight the next war and was saving all the war equipment he could obtain.

Needlepoint flower holders may be firmly held in place in a vase with modeling clay or scotch tape. If you use modeling clay, press clay around the rim of the holder and flatten to bottom of vase.

national defense standpoint and from an economic standpoint." Note—The president also promised to keep the west coast in mind in building up new democratic party leaders.



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Will Be Open Every Night Until Christmas

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Give him a pair of comfortable house shoes—leather soles in colors to match his robe.

**\$1.98 to \$4.95**

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Colorful "Botany" wools in solids and plaids—soft crepes in all white, plain and fringed edges.

**\$1.69 to \$3.98**

### GIFT PAJAMAS

For masculine apparel give him pajamas in bolder colors and patterns. Beautiful silk and rayons—broadcloth and outing flannel.

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### GIFT NECKWEAR

The finest in fashionable neckwear in bolder colors and patterns—beautiful soft wools and soft all silks.

**\$2.00 to \$3.50**

**SPECIAL**  
See our selection of patterns—any color desired—solids, stripes and figures—  
Special at **\$1.50**

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# Rosenthal's



# Social Events—Clubs

The Big Sister Club met at the home of Mrs. S. F. Tart, 659 East Fifteenth street Thursday for a Christmas luncheon, to which all contributed.

There was an exchange of gifts at which time secret pals were revealed.

Those present were: Mrs. R. R. Berry, Mrs. W. T. Owen, Mrs. Lum Evans, Mrs. Malcolm Stickle and son, David, Mrs. Addie Wolfe, Mrs. Clyde Taylor and Mrs. Hart.

Mrs. A. Y. Johnson, who is also a member was unable to be present.

Mrs. A. F. Pate, of Colorado Springs, mother of Mrs. Hart, was a guest.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Clyde Taylor.

Miss Audrey Marie Phifer, daughter of G. A. Phifer and Forrest Noll, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Null both of Windsor, were married in a double ring ceremony Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by the Rev. Perry A. Rowland, pastor of the Methodist church, at his home.

Their attendants were Miss Anna Mae Phifer, of Moberly, sister of the bride and Russell Null, brother of the groom.

Others present were: G. A. Phifer, Mrs. Harold Phifer and

Arlene, Mrs. L. H. Null and Shirley Riddle.

The couple will make their home in Windsor.

Miss Emma Fajen, 1302 West Fifth street, entertained Wednesday evening with a Christmas party for clerical employees of the Prudential Life Insurance company.

Christmas trees, candles and flowers decorated the home and the evening was spent in singing Christmas carols and playing games, after which there was an exchange of gifts.

Guests included: Miss Emma Kraft, Miss Doris Lane, Miss Betty Ellsworth, Miss Dorothy Pangburn and Miss Kathryn Ries, all of the Sedalia office; Miss Virginia Thwait, of the Marshall office and Mrs. Milton Dale, Sedalia, Mrs. Hansel Morris, Marshall and Mrs. I. B. Ellis, Sedalia, all former employees.

Miss Fajen was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. A. B. Wild.

The annual Christmas party of the T. D. D. club was held in the home of Miss Nina Lacey, 1310 West Tenth street, Wednesday evening.

The home was attractive with red and green ropes across the ceiling centering in the middle of the room, from which hung Christmas bells. Pots of poinsettias, chrysanthemums and small Christmas trees were used about the home as decorations. A bowl of carnations on a mirror, around which was a nativity scene, formed the centerpiece for the dining table.

A musical program was presented with Robert Miller playing two trumpet solos: "Joy to the World" and "Silent Night," after which Miss Vesta Elliott, Miss Jane Wadleigh, Miss Josephine Wadleigh, Miss Wain Broosing and Miss Lucia Lee Broosing sang Christmas carols and songs with Miss Lucia Lee Broosing accompanying on the piano.

As has been the custom of the club for the past several years the Rev. H. U. Campbell again read the Christmas story and offered prayer.

Miss Lucia Lee Broosing and Miss Josephine Wadleigh sang: "Star of the East," accompanied by Miss Jane Wadleigh and Miss Josephine Wadleigh sang a solo: "The Holy City."

Following the program the guests gathered around a lighted Christmas tree for an exchange of gifts.

A dessert course was served to the following members and guests: Rev. and Mrs. H. U. Campbell, Mrs. L. C. Miller, Robert Miller, Miss Vesta Elliott, Miss Jane Wadleigh, Miss Josephine Wadleigh, Miss Wain Broosing, Miss Lucia

Lee Broosing, Mrs. J. L. Curry, Mrs. A. L. Lacer, Mrs. George Chambers, Mrs. Ben Russell, Mrs. Paul Carpenter and Miss Celeste Kirkpatrick.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Paul Carpenter, 1721 South Lamine avenue on Thursday evening, January 20.

Miss Francis Gardner, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Gardner of near Lincoln, became the bride of Clayton Huebner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Huebner of Ionia at 4:00 o'clock Wednesday, December 1, at Bolivar, Mo., with the Rev. W. M. Hines officiating.

The bride has operated the Beauty Shop at Lincoln for the past several months.

The groom has been associated with his father in operating a store and filling station at Ionia and 52 Highway junction.

On Wednesday evening, December 8, they were given a shower and charivari by a number of relatives and friends.

## Church News

Officers and teachers of the Nursery and Beginners Department of the First Christian church enjoyed a dinner and Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Golda Herick, 1505 South Kentucky avenue.

The home was decorated with a large lighted Christmas tree. A center piece of pine and candles centered the dining table, and a large gum drop tree centered the buffet.

Favors were small flower pots each holding small decorated Christmas trees. Following the dinner a short business meeting was held, after which all enjoyed the social hour with the exchange of gifts.

Special guests of the day were: Mrs. E. L. Knight and Mrs. Ted Scotten.

Hostesses were: Mrs. Ben Carson, Mrs. William Wade and Mrs. Sid Condit.

Those present other than the hostesses were: Mrs. Bert Robertson, Mrs. Laurence Brown, Mrs. Charles Crawford, Mrs. Martha Steele, Mrs. Sam Switzer, Mrs. Walter Lierman, Mrs. Jesse Saunders, Mrs. I. E. Davis and Mrs. Golda Herick.

Mrs. W. A. Green's Circle of the Epworth Methodist church, Broadway and Engineer, met for the Christmas party at the home of Mrs. J. F. Kirkhart, 800 East Thirteenth street with Mrs. A. F. Shores assisting hostess. Twenty-one members and five visitors were present. Visitors were: Mrs. Rosalie Alcorn, Jackie Hayes, Connie Beals, Gary Dyer and Judy Schlobohm.

The home was decorated in the true Christmas spirit with a large Christmas tree, under which were the gifts.

The devotion was given by Mrs. Lawrence Dyer which included the reason of why Christmas has started with family gatherings, why children hang up their stockings, how Christmas was observed in the mine districts, mountains, etc. A prayer was given by Mrs. A. L. Pringle. Twenty-seven cards were signed to be sent to the ill, shutins and sympathy and congratulations. A game was played and Christmas story and poem read. Gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served by two hostesses and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be in January when the hostesses will be: Mrs. Minnie Nash and Mrs. A. C. Heckenlihle.

## 85 And Still Feels Young

George T. Blackston celebrated his 85th birthday, December 7, and feels just as young as ever. He walks nearly two miles every Saturday morning, and does a daily part of the farm work, which consists of 160 acres that he has managed for the past 29 years.

He was born in Pettis county, three miles east of Sedalia, on the farm known at that time as the Esterbrook farm in 1863. He now resides on the farm known as the Charles Edmondson farm, south-east of Pleasant Green.

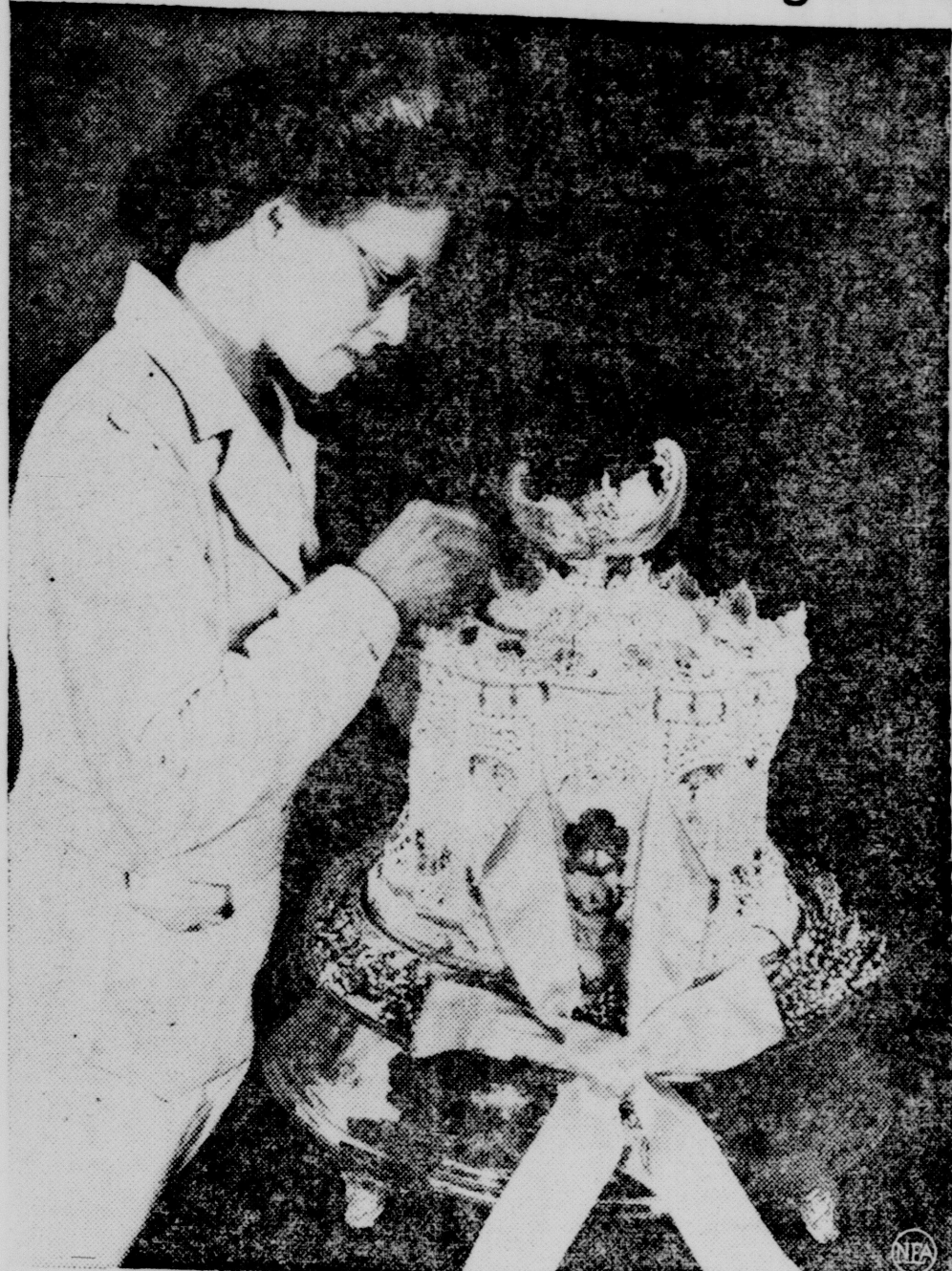
He is the father of Mrs. Tom Bailey, of Pleasant Green, Mrs. Marvin Jefferson, Sedalia, John Blackston, Sedalia, and Mrs. Ernest Mitchell, of Los Angeles, Cal.

## Installation At 4-H Club

The Walnut Grove 4-H Pep Club held its December meeting at the Walnut Grove school house, Friday, December 3. The first thing on the program was an installation ceremony for new officers. The stage was centered with a desk, decorated in green and white, the club colors, on which were the club flags, and seven white candles. The center candle—"Spirit of Club Work"—was lighted. Mrs. L. J. Wolf, Community Leader, was the installing officer, and conducted the ceremony. She asked the past-president to lead the new officers to the center of the stage, one at a time. First officer, new president, Betty Jean Klein, was led to the center, and made her pledge for leadership, lighted her candle and took her place on the opposite side of the stage. Other officers, and their pledges were as follows: Vice president, Nomah Dean Snow—"Pledge, Helpfulness;" Secretary, Betty Wolf, "Service;" treasurer, Anna Lee Harvey, "Service;" Reporter, Ruth Harvey, "Truthfulness;" Song Leader, Dorothy Lou Snow—"Inspire Music and Song;" Game Leader, Mildred Wolf, led Recreational Activities.

All members repeated the pledge. New officers then sang "Follow the Glean," and the ceremony ended with "Taps." This ceremony was in complete dark-

## Wedding Cake Into Christening Cake



In accordance with custom, the top tier of Princess Elizabeth's wedding cake was saved and converted into a christening cake, for the christening of the Princess' first child. The conversion was made by replacing the floral decoration with a silver cradle. Irene Podd, who once worked on the cake for the christening of Princess Elizabeth puts the finishing touches on the 30-pound cake.

ness, except for the light from the candles. The regular meeting was held, with new officers in charge. Roll call was "My Favorite Candy."

## Demonstrate Pie Meringue

The Van Natta Homemakers club held the Christmas meeting, December 15 at the home of Mrs. T. A. Turner, Sedalia, Route 3. A contributive dinner was served at the noon hour.

Immediately following the dinner, a demonstration on making a pie meringue was given. The president, Mrs. T. A. Turner.

A report on "Home Ground Improvement for the Year" was given by Mrs. Victor Buchholz. Roll call, "My Best Remembered Christmas" was answered by 13 members and four visitors, who were: Mrs. Russell Ray, Mrs. George Perriquet, Mrs. Ray Alexander, Mrs. Cecil Perriquet.

Two new members, Mrs. R. Drechfel and Mrs. L. Hudson, were admitted to the club.

The meeting was then turned over to the program committee, with the following program being given: "Christmas Story," Mrs. Robert Brown, with Mrs. Fred Harding softly playing "Silent Night" in the background; solo, "Star of the East," Mrs. Hubert Brown; "White Christmas," Mrs. Fred Harding, Mrs. Wesley Harding and Mrs. Hubert Brown; "Jingle Bells," all; "Christmas Here and There," Mrs. Arthur Turner; "O Little Town of Bethlehem," add; duet, "Luther Cradle Hymn," Mrs. Fred Harding and Mrs. Hubert Brown; "Legend of the Christmas Tree," Mrs. Wayne Stark; "Joy to the World," all; Mrs. Buchholz told how Christmas cards originated; "Santa Is Coming to Town," all.

Immediately following, gifts were distributed and sunshine pals revealed. New pals were drawn for the next year. Club books were distributed and will be filled out at the next meeting. The meeting adjourned with the benediction.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. John Landis, January 12.

## At Convention Of Hotel Association

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bauman, proprietors of the St. Francis hotel, attended the annual convention of the Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma Hotel Association, held in Little Rock, Ark. In the party with Mr. and Mrs. Bauman were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sheehy, manager of the Missouri hotel in Jefferson City, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Dietz of the Howard hotel, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Huston of the Belvedere hotel, both of Kansas City.

Following the convention, they journeyed to Hot Springs, Ark., where they were guests of W. E. Chester of the Arlington hotel.

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- Sheets and Pillow Cases
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## FDR's Daughter to Edit 'The Woman'

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—(P)—Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Boettiger, daughter of the late President, has been named editor of the national monthly magazine "The Woman," it was announced today.

Tom Farrell, publisher of the magazine, said Mrs. Boettiger's first issue will come out in March. Mrs. Boettiger, formerly a Phoenix, Ariz., newspaper publisher, said "it has always been my ambition to edit a magazine for women and I am really very

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Sizes 7 to 10 1/2 ... \$3.49

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Gay little slipper in Red and Blue. Also heeled with snug fitting elastic heel strap in Pink and Blue.

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Cute and warm slipper in Red and Blue leather, has zipper with lamb's wool trim.

Sizes 4 to 8 ... \$2.19

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## Hotel Guest 31 Years At \$40 A Month

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17—(P)—Charles R. Gilfillan turned in his room key to the Dixon hotel desk Thursday, 31 years after he had checked in.

He had been a guest at the hotel since April 28, 1917, two days before the hostelry was opened officially. Gilfillan, who retired as assistant general livestock agent for the Santa Fe in 1942, plans to

make an extended visit with his sister, Mrs. Margaret Weise Mifflintown, Pa.

During his 31-year tenure the \$40 a month rate on his room never changed.

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# Postmaster Recalls Progress Made Since System Started

As patrons swamped the Sedalia post office yesterday with their holiday mailings, Postmaster Edw. Mullaley found time to recall the continuing progress in United States postal delivery service since the first Christmas cards were dispatched by Benjamin Franklin, father of the American postal system.

Back in those dim, candle-lit days nearly 200 years ago the early colonists were fewer and farther between than cities are today, and mailmen were rare indeed, willing to blaze new trails afoot and on horseback over comparatively few scattered miles of rugged terrain encompassing the post routes, Postmaster Mullaley said.

From that inauspicious start along the overland mail as a result of the Gold Rush of '49, followed by the Pony Express in 1860, linking east and west with what was the fastest mail delivery the forefathers of that era could conceive. Then came the railway mail service connecting virtually all crossroads of America.

**Effect of Airplane**  
The next innovation that has brought this nation the world's fastest, modern postal delivery service was the airplane shortly after the turn of the century. Even though the years air mail facilities have expanded to such an extent that today it is commonplace to wing letters and parcels to all parts of the globe.

"In this Air Age," added Postmaster Mullaley, "the speedier air mail and parcel post service, which envelops more than 300,000 route miles of domestic and international airways blanketing every sector of the world, is available from our city at the lowest rates in history."

"When you consider that patrons may still be assured of their greeting cards and packages being delivered in ample time for Christmas by the simple expedient of air mail, whether they be going 500 or 5,000 miles, then the progress made in our postal delivery service is nothing short of phenomenal," the postmaster concluded as he again turned his attention to the deluge of Christmas mail.

## Suggest 7-Cent Increase

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1948.  
The five operating railroad unions, composed of approximately 350,000 workers who actually run the trains, settled for a 10-cent hourly increase several months ago.

**Denied Some Requests**  
The board denied requests of the 16 non-operating brotherhoods for a Monday through Friday work week, with penalty overtime and a guarantee of eight hours and pay for Saturday, Sunday and holiday work.

It recommended staggered work weeks of five days with two off-days in seven, according to the method in vogue in other around-the-clock industries.

"Railroads must operate every day," the board noted.

The board said that it was denying a number of union demands for changes in working rules and other concessions so as not to put too heavy a cost increase on the carriers at this time, along with a 40 hour week.

## Argues Case, Frees Himself

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—(P)—Richard Monahan, 47, who has been in prison most of his life since pleading guilty to murder in 1918, was free of that charge today.

Using legal knowledge he gained in the prison library, Monahan obtained a hearing before the state supreme court last month. He argued he had not been offered legal counsel in the first trial. The supreme court ordered a retrial and charges were dismissed yesterday when the prosecutor's office said it was impossible to obtain evidence in the old case.

Monahan will be returned to the Missouri prison where he is serving a life sentence under the habitual criminal act. He says he plans to file a writ of habeas corpus on the ground dismissal of the murder charge makes the habitual criminal act inapplicable.

## Divorce Is Granted

A divorce was granted in circuit court today by Judge Dimitt Hoffman to Albert E. Dillon from Lillian Dillon. General indignities were alleged. The plaintiff was also awarded the care and custody of their two minor children.

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## Just Town Talk

A LITTLE BOY ABOUT TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS OLD VISITING THE HOSPITAL RECENTLY WANTED TO SEE THE BABIES HE WAS CONCERNED BECAUSE THERE WERE ONLY THREE THERE WHEN THERE HAD BEEN ELEVEN WHEN HE HAD BEEN THERE BEFORE OF COURSE HE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE REST OF THEM HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ONE IN AN INCUBATOR WHEN HE RETURNED HOME AND WAS TELLING HIS AUNT ABOUT THEM HE CONCLUDED THE STORY BY SAYING "AND THEY HAD ONE IN A WASHING MACHINE I THANK YOU"

## Personals

Mrs. Alice Yankee, 106 West Second street, left this morning for Columbia.

Mrs. G. O. Hawley, 1100 East Sixteenth street, left this morning for St. Louis to spend the weekend.

Mrs. O. V. Mosher, of Washington, D. C., left for her home this morning after a three weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shackelford, 1318 East Fourth street.

Mrs. Fred Wagner, of Little Rock, Ark., left this morning for her home after spending the past week with her daughters, Mrs. Jack Livengood, of Ottumwa and Miss Irene Wagner, 210 West Tenth street.

Mrs. Donald Canfield and sons, Gregory and Richard, of Great Bend Kas., arrived this morning for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Riley, Route 2, Sedalia. They will be joined here Christmas day by Mr. Canfield.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Wheeler, 828 West Sixth street, left this morning for Jefferson City for the day.

Mrs. E. C. Stuart, former Sedalian, left this morning for Webster Groves after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Charles L. Patterson and Mr. Patterson, 1800 South Beacon avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart plan to leave after February 1 for a seven weeks cruise which will take them to South America and various other places of interest.

Mrs. C. R. Roark, Warrensburg, arrived here this morning to spend the day in Sedalia.

Mrs. Norman Renison, of Nelson, returned this morning from Kansas City where she visited her husband who is employed in that city.

H. E. McLain, Hollywood, Fla., is visiting two weeks with friends and relatives in Sedalia and Kansas City.

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Abney, 1516 East Broadway, had as their guests Wednesday night Captain and Mrs. M. W. Kehart and daughter, Charlotte, Captain Kehart has just returned from Adak, Aleutian Islands and was en route to the Third Naval District Headquarters, New York City, N. Y.

## The Wrong Number

TOKYO, Dec. 17.—(P)—All the time people kept telephoning Takao Ozawa and screaming "Robbers," "Police," "Help," etc.

Ozawa, who lives in a town near Tokyo, kept hanging up. He isn't in the cops and robbers business. But when calls began keeping him awake nights, bleary-eyed Ozawa went to the police.

Police found they unwittingly had taken Ozawa's telephone number for their new one when they installed dial telephones.

## To Strike Monday

MOBERLY, Mo., Dec. 17.—(P)—M. T. Barry, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for the Moberly division, said today the Big Four Wash Railroad Brotherhoods will go on strike next Monday at 6 a. m.

Barry said the strike had been authorized by the chairman and the executive officers of the brotherhoods. He said the strike is over long standing claims and other grievances.

## Bob Saunders Improving

Bob Saunders of the Dean apartments who entered the Research hospital in Kansas City Monday is getting along satisfactorily.

## CORRECTION

Due to an error in the preparation of our advertisement which appeared in the Thursday, December 16th, Democrat, and the Friday, December 17th Capital, the price of the following item was misquoted and should have read:

**Golden Wedding**  
**Blended Whiskey**  
**\$2.14**  
**Pint**  
**REED'S**  
**SUPER DRUG STORE**

## Heir to First Wife's Estate

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(P)—A husband who remarried in the belief that his first wife had divorced him today was adjudged a legal heir to the first wife's \$50,000 estate.

Probate Judge Latham Castle ruled that John Luther Lott, 54, of Hannibal, Mo., is the surviving husband of Mrs. Olga Block Lott, who died June 18, 1947.

Under the court's ruling, Lott is entitled to share the estate equally with Mrs. Lott's two brothers, Julius Block of Chicago, administrator of the estate, and Rudolph Block of Underhill, Wis.

Lott's suit charged the brothers with conspiring to deprive him of his rightful share of the estate.

Lott married his first wife April 13, 1920, in Milwaukee, Wis., but they separated several years later. He subsequently married Mary Maude Hellwig, his suit set forth, in the belief that Mrs. Olga Lott had divorced him.

On December 16, 1947, Lott received \$440 from Julius Block as his share of the estate, the suit said. Later, he learned his first wife had never divorced him, and on May 4 he remarried the second Mrs. Lott.

## Brothers Die In Plane Crash

MARSHALL, Tex., Dec. 17.—(P)—Two Missouri brothers lost their lives in the crash of a light plane two miles northeast of here at 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

The victims were Jack Hatfield, 38, owner of the plane, who lived in Joplin, and Horace Milton Hatfield, 46, formerly of Joplin, an employee of Standard Oil Company in Aruba, Dutch Indies.

The pair left Joplin Wednesday morning to visit a sister, Mrs. Leo Ochenberg, in Texarkana, Tex. The plane, a Cessna 140, crashed into a brush covered section and skidded about 125 yards. It was partly burned. Officers said the pilot may have been trying to land in a nearby open field.

W. D. Jones, a resident of the area in which the crash occurred, told officers he saw the plane fly over in a southeasterly direction toward Marshall, then circled back, flying low and on fire.

The younger Hatfield was the proprietor of a hardware and appliance store in Joplin. The elder had been in the West Indies for the past 20 years and was in this country to visit his brother and other relatives. His widow and three children survive.

## Met And Talked Of Their Defeat

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(P)—An unusual, spontaneous luncheon of Missouri congressmen, most of them defeated in the November election was held here recently.

One of those who attended said those present included Reps. Arnold, Cole, Bennett, Banta, Reeves and Ploeser, all Republicans who were defeated for reelection.

Also at the luncheon were M. L. Meletio of St. Louis, who has been House doorkeeper during the last two years, and Senator Donnell (R-Mo) who was not up for re-election this year.

"We just tried to figure out what hit us and discussed it in a humorous vein," said one member who was there. "No one announced at that time he would seek again to be elected two years from now."

## Butchers Are Back at Work

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—(P)—Nearly 200 butchers returned to work at 29 supermarkets in Greater St. Louis today, after a one-day strike for higher wages and a shorter work week. They got their demands.

Employers last night granted the last proposal of the AFL meat cutters local 89 which calls for weekly wage increases of \$6.50 for journeymen butchers and \$7.50 for head butchers and a 42-hour week.

The offer averted a threatened spread of the strike to 126 other chain stores and groceries in which 424 union butchers are employed. Those union members did not go out yesterday.

Previous wage scales for a 45-hour week were \$49 to \$69 for journeymen butchers and \$79 for head butchers.

## Florida Farms For Rent

WINTER GARDEN, Fla.—(P)—M. O. Bacon figures that if people can rent out food lockers, autos, sewing machines and such, he can do the same with gardens.

So the 48-year-old retired but energetic industrial engineer is just completing construction of six 100-foot concrete beds to be used for hydroponic gardening, a soilless way of growing vegetables that is gaining popularity even in Florida where so much lush land is suited to truck farming.

"One man can take care of a 12-bed farm single handed—if he applies himself and it should provide a good living," Bacon said. In Florida three crops a year can be grown.

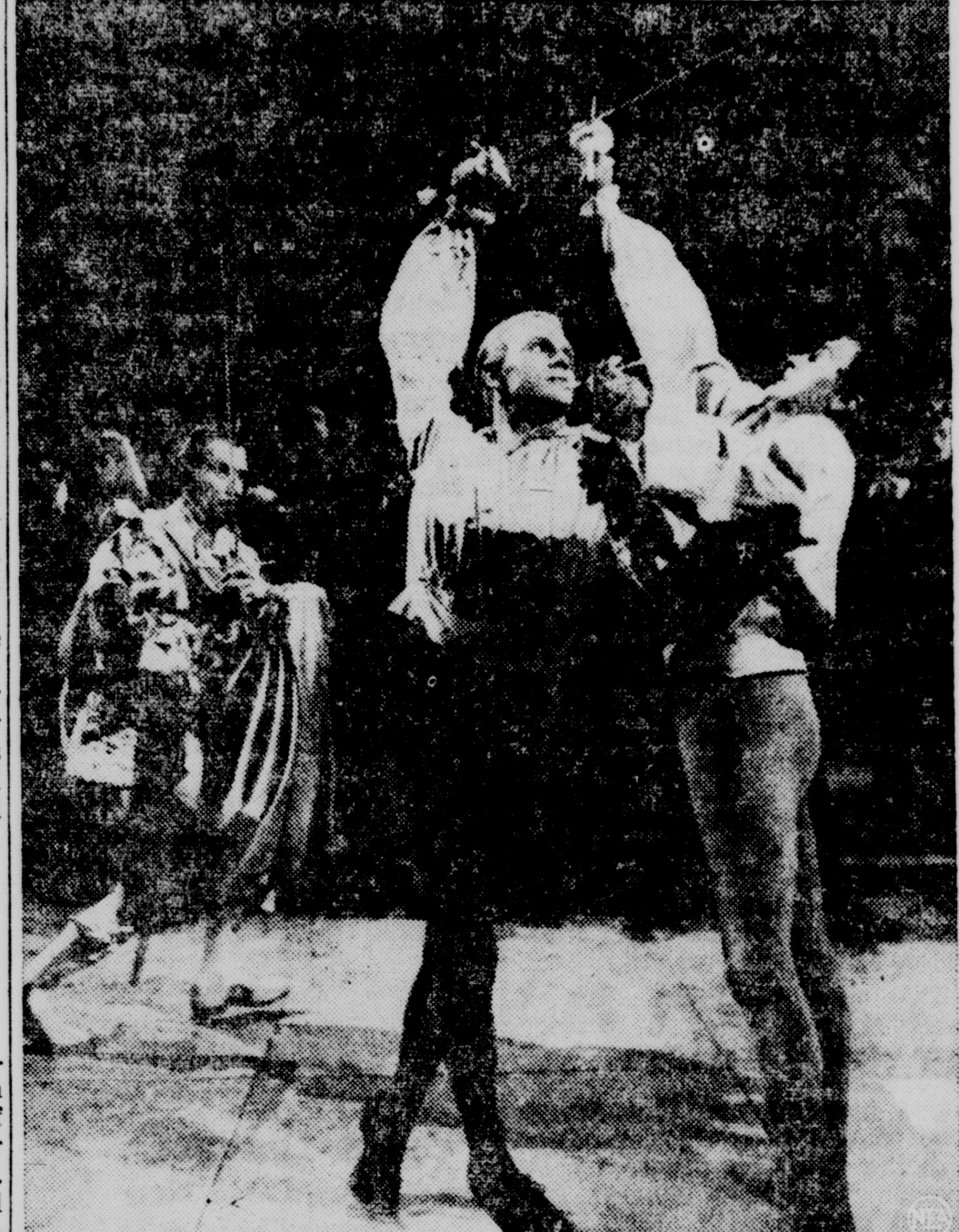
## Bonus To City Employees

MACON, Mo., Dec. 17.—(P)—The Macon City Council last night authorized the payment of a \$10 Christmas bonus to each of the city's regularly employed workers.

A similar bonus was authorized by the council last year, the first time such action had been taken on a yule bonus.

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## O-Hamlet-San and O-Laertes-San Duel to Death in Japan



Shakespeare's famous tragedy, "Hamlet," Hiroshi Sunaga, left, as Hamlet and Mayumia, as Laertes, in ancient court costumes, wield two-handed Japanese swords. The king and queen watch from the background. The still from the movie "Hamlet" shows Olivier, left, as Hamlet and Laertes, played by Terence Morgan, dueling with rapiers and daggers.

## Adopt 3 Boys And One Girl

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(P)—A former Saline county, Mo., prosecutor, arrived today aboard the liner America with four adopted children—little Dubliners whom he described as future Democrats.

The Missourian and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. Marion Robertson, said they went abroad last Sept. 19 to adopt two children. Before their search ended, they had toured Italy, Switzerland and France, and finally in Ireland they found the four youngsters. The children range from 11 months to four and one-half years.

The three boys, Robertson said, would be good prospects for the football team on his alma mater, Notre Dame university, and the girl, three and a half—a good Democrat like the rest.

Charles, the oldest, already called Robertson "Daddy" and announced he was a Democrat. Robertson said his wife would fly to their Marshall, Mo., home tomorrow and he would follow in the family automobile.

## Cannot Take Liquor Trucked Across State

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 17.—(P)—Missouri cannot seize liquor being trucked across the state from Illinois to Oklahoma, Attorney General J. E. Taylor ruled today.

Even though the liquor does not bear the Missouri state liquor stamps, there is no law to prevent carrying liquor across the state so long as it is not sold in Missouri, he said.

The opinion by Assistant Attorney General William C. Blair was written for William Lee Dodd of Doniphan, prosecuting attorney of Ripley county.

## \$6,000 Bull Calf Dies

KING CITY, Mo., Dec. 17.—(P)—A purebred Angus bull calf, purchased for \$6,000 at the Chicago International Livestock show died yesterday soon after its arrival here.

It had been purchased by M. L. McCrea and Dr. Frank Rose, who operate separate stock farms in Greene county.

Local veterinarians said the animal was suffering from influenza on its arrival. The calf, Prince Eric R. G. was insured for its full purchase price, the owners said.

## Gifts Await Missing Johnny

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(P)—There'll be an electric train, model airplanes and a catcher's glove under the Christmas tree this year for Johnny Navickas—just in case.

The nine year old son of John and Florence Navickas has been missing since July 2 when he left his grandfather's home and started for the nearby stockyards "to see the animals."

Policemen, firemen, the Coast Guard, Boy Scouts and hundreds of volunteers have searched in vain for a trace of the boy. Neighbors have offered a \$1,000 reward for his safe return.

On Thanksgiving eve, the saddened Navickas hurried out and bought a turkey—just in case their only son would show up the following day.

Now they're buying Johnny's Christmas presents, The Navickas, also have a daughter, Judy, six.

## Gas Workers Strike Ends

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—(P)—A strike of gas workers ended today after an all-night session between union negotiators and gas company officials.

After the 12-hour emergency session attended by Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann, representative of the CIO United Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers Union agreed to accept an offer of the Laclede Gas Light Company for 13 cents an hour wage increase.

The union ordered 384 production workers to be on the job. The men quit work last night in what union officials said was an unauthorized walkout.

A continuation of the strike today would have cut off the gas supply of this city of 900,000.

## Won Tenant Sweepstakes

MEMPHIS, Dec. 17.—(P)—Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Gardner of rural Matthews, Mo., won the tenant sweepstakes prize of \$250 and a platter in the commercial appeal's 1948 plant to prosper contest.

The grand sweepstakes prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Townsend, who farm near Paris, Tenn. The Gardners also won the Missouri tenant prize of \$100. The Missouri landowner prize of \$100 went to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence I. Russell of Lilbourn.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Sparks of Cardwell, Mo., won \$100 in the home improvement division. The contest is sponsored annually by the Commercial-Appeal and the Memphis Chamber of Commerce.

## Wins Invasion Of Privacy Case

BRAINERD, Minn., Dec. 17.—(P)—Mrs. Lola Ramona Dockter today held a \$5,000 jury verdict against a physician and a layman the doctor allowed to watch the birth of her child two years ago in a Brainerd hospital.

Jurors returned the verdict against Dr. Carl G. Winquist and Bert H. Betters, both of nearby Ironton, where Mrs. Dockter also lives. The woman sued for \$20,000, charging invasion of her privacy because Betters looked on without her consent or approval.

## Opposition to Phone Rate Hike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(P)—The Communication Workers of America (Ind) said today it will oppose any Bell Telephone rate increases the union considers unwarranted.

Already, it said, the union has taken steps to fight such a proposed boost in Maryland.

CWA President Joseph A. Beirne said the union is making a study of pending requests by the Bell system for rate increases in other states where CWA represents company employees. The union says it bargains for 230,000 phone workers.

## Kansas Dry Groups Want Local Option

HAYS, Kas., Dec. 17.—(P)—The four statewide dry organizations of Kansas today called for an all-out war for local option in their first post-election statement of policy on the wet-dry issue in Kansas.

A joint statement for the four statewide dry organizations of Kansas, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Kansas committee of 100,000 and the Kansas United Dry Forces was issued here by the Rev. Harold B. Hoyt, Hays Nazarine minister and secretary of the newly-formed cooperative committee of the four organizations which unites them in joint action for the first time since 1934.

## Two Cleared of Mail Fraud Charges

MEMPHIS, Dec. 17.—(P)—A Marston, Mo., father and son were cleared of mail fraud charges by a federal court jury here yesterday. The decision ended a ten-day retrial of Walter Richardson, Sr., and Walter Richardson, Jr. The Richardsons were indicted Nov. 22, 1943. They were convicted on two counts of using the mails to defraud in their first trial and sentenced to five years in prison with fines of \$2,000 each.

The decision was reversed on one count by the sixth circuit court of appeals in Cincinnati, and the case was remanded to Memphis for retrial.

For Ambulance Service, Ph 8

## OBITUARIES

**Albert H. Ehlers**  
Albert H. Ehlers, aged 54, of Cole Camp, died Tuesday morning, December 14, at the Veterans hospital in Wadsworth, Kas. Mr. Ehlers had been in failing health for some time, and entered the hospital last Sunday.

Mr. Ehlers was born March 28, 1894, and had lived all his life on a farm south of Cole Camp, having moved into the town very recently. He was a veteran of World War I.

A short funeral service will be conducted at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Eckhoff funeral home in Cole Camp, and other services will be held at 2:00 o'clock at the Trinity Mt. Hulda church with the pastor, Rev. A. E. Krahn, officiating.

Palbearers will be: Arthur Kroenke, Ben Lutjen, Amos Lutjen, Albert Lutjen, Emil Ebeling, and Elmer Ehlers.

Burial will be in the Trinity Lutheran church cemetery.

## Edward Hall

Edward Hall, deaf-mute who at the age of 17, in 1896, became an inmate of the Pettis County Home (Now Buena Vista Home) died there at 1:30 o'clock this morning after a long illness.

Records show he at one time had attended the state school at Fulton. So far as is known he had lived to have been abandoned by his parents when he was a young child.

Funeral services will be held at Buena Vista Home at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning, the Rev. J. Fred King, pastor of the First Methodist church, and a member of the Social Service Board, Inc., which operated the Home, to officiate.

Other members of the board will serve as pallbearers.

## Mrs. Catherine Heisterberg

Mrs. Catherine Heisterberg, 75, died this morning at her home, 422 East Thirtieth street.

Mrs. Heisterberg was born in Lincoln, Mo. March 3, 1873 and had been a resident of Sedalia for the past sixty years. She was married to Louis J. Heisterberg January 1, 1893 in Sedalia. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

Those surviving are: two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Hudson of 506 East Thirtieth street; Mrs. A. R. Wheat of Kansas City, Kas.; three sons, John and Leonard of the home and Louis J., Jr., of 1300 South Ohio avenue; one brother, Henry Hoehns of Lincoln, Mo.; three grandchildren, Doris Hudson, James and Richard Wheat, Mr. Heisterberg died January 11, 1947.

Funeral services will be held at the St. Paul Lutheran church at 2:00 o'clock Monday afternoon with the Rev. W. F. Strickert officiating.

Interment will be in the Crown Hill cemetery.

## Mrs. Julian H. Bagby Service

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada Dunlap Bagby, wife of Mayor Julian H. Bagby, 234 South Missouri avenue, who died at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at St. Luke's hospital, Kansas City, were held at the Calvary Episcopal church at 10:30 o'clock this morning with the Rev. James E. Merrick, rector, officiating. Mrs. James Atkinson played the organ.

Pallbearers were: R. F. Rohn, Edward S. Behen, William D. Steele, Lex Corley, E. P. Miller and James I. Collins.

Interment was made in the Crown Hill cemetery.

## Ira Yarnell Service

The body of Ira Yarnell, of New Franklin, retired M. K. T. conductor, who died suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Rottler, in the state of California, while there on a visit, will arrive in New Franklin this evening, according to word received by Mrs. Roy Snyder, 1523 East Broadway, a niece.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning at the Baptist church in New Franklin.

Burial will be in Osceola.

## Mrs. Louise Bauman Beyer

Mrs. Louise Bauman Beyer, died at her home in Cole Camp at 8:00 o'clock Thursday night.

Mrs. Beyer was a daughter of the late Daniel and Marie Goetz. She was 72 years old.

The body is at the Renze funeral home at Cole Camp.

## Suffers Back Injury

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 17.—(P)—Marion Collins, 54, of Osceola, Mo., is in a serious condition in a Springfield hospital from a back injury suffered today when his coal-laden truck rolled over once in a ditch on Highway 13, two miles north of Springfield. Collins, enroute to Ava, swerved to avoid a car, the state patrol reported.

## Record Corn Crop

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(P)—The Agriculture Department, in a final report for the year, today estimated this year's record corn crop at 3,650,000 bushels and the wheat crop at 1,288,406,000 bushels.

Chicago Grain Futures				
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(P)—				
WHEAT—	High	Low	Close	Close
Dec	2.37½	2.36½	2.36½	2.36½
May	2.26½	2.25½	2.25½	2.25½
July	2.08½	2.06½	2.07	2.07
Sept	2.08½	2.06½	2.07	2.07
CORN—				
Dec	1.43½	1.42½	1.43½	1.42
May	1.48½	1.46½	1.47½	1.46½
July	1.47½	1.46½	1.46½	1.46½
Sept	1.41½	1.40½	1.40½	1.40½
OATS—				
Dec	.84	.82½	.83½	.82½
May	.77½	.76½	.77	.76½
July	.77½	.76½	.77½	.76½
Sept	.77½	.76½	.77½	.76½
RYE—				
Dec	1.72	1.71	1.72	1.70½
May	1.67	1.66	1.67	1.66½
SOYBEANS—				
Dec	2.58½	2.56½	2.58	2.56½
Mar	2.61½	2.59	2.60	2.59½
May	2.58½	2.56½	2.56½	2.56½
July	2.34½	2.52½	2.52½	2.52½



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**Refer Charge To A Grand Jury**  
DALLAS, Dec. 17—(AP)—A murder charge against Art Shires, 42, former major league baseball player, was referred to the Dallas county grand jury Thursday by Justice of the Peace W. L. Sterrett.  
At a preliminary hearing in Justice Sterrett's court, Dr. E. E. Muirhead testified that in his opinion cirrhosis of the liver and broncho-pneumonia caused the death of William Hiram (Hi) Erwin. Shires is charged in connection with Erwin's death.  
Erwin, 36, also an ex-baseball player and umpire, died Dec. 5, nine weeks after a fight with Shires.  
Dr. Muirhead, a Parkland hospital physician, testified that he supervised an autopsy on Erwin's body and conducted a microscopic examination of tissue.  
A state's witness, Dr. P. A. Rogers, who said he treated Erwin after the fight, referred to cirrhosis of the liver as "contributing" cause of death.  
Dr. Rogers pictured Erwin as a badly beaten man when the doctor examined him "about Oct. 5 or 6," at Erwin's home.  
Shires remains out on \$5,000 bond, pending his appearance before the grand jury.

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**Gift Of Food For 43 Nations Is Generous**

**Big Donations Delaying Some Of Christmas Trains**  
By Alfred C. Hall  
DAYTON, O., Dec. 17—(AP)—Americans laden with food and the Yuletide spirit flooded the Christmas trains for 43 nations with gifts Thursday.  
Officials of Christian rural overseas program said the outpouring of national generosity was so great that in many states trains must now be split into sections.  
Many changes, they said, have been made in plans for assembling the Christmas trains.  
Contributions are coming in from those areas where formal organizations had not been set up to handle the gifts. Small quantities of such wide variety of commodities have been contributed that processing is necessary before trains can be assembled.  
Original plans called for state dedications of a crop train prior to Christmas and another dedication Christmas day at the port of departure.  
Crop officials said the big donations have delayed the schedules and will make it necessary in many instances to ship a comparatively small number of cars from half a dozen points in a state instead of assembling them into one large train.  
Another factor, they said, is that elevators and warehouses are jammed in some areas and can not handle additional shipments. This means re-routing of trains.  
**Dedication At New Orleans**  
Some foodstuffs originally scheduled to go to New Orleans now are to be routed to Philadelphia and Galveston, but a Christmas dedication "definitely will be held in New Orleans."  
Individual state dedications in most southern states have been cancelled, but some of the commodities there will be trucked to nearest ports.  
Sponsors said a total of 2,000 carloads still is expected, with corn leading the contributions and wheat and soybeans following in order.  
The sponsors also announced activities of crop campaigns will be beamed to Europe, Latin America and the Far East through seven programs on Voice of America, beginning Dec. 20. The Voice of America is the state department's overseas radio service.  
The crop trains, said National Chairman John D. Metzler, is the greatest voluntary effort of its kind ever undertaken.  
"It will symbolize the true Christmas spirit in a very tangible way."  
The bulk of the crop goods gets into the hands of children, widows, the aged and the ill. It reaches those who have no money to buy and who will receive relief through no other channels.  
All trains are sponsored by the Christian rural overseas program—which, in turn, is supported by Catholic Rural Life (representing war relief services of the National

**Smith-Cotton High School Camera Club**



Fourteen Smith-Cotton high school students met Wednesday night and formed the "Smith-Cotton Camera club," the first the school has had since 1946. The members in the picture above are: Left to right, back row, Eleanor Wright, Gordon Heerman, Ronald Gates, John Allan, club sponsor, Carl Henderson, Bill Hayworth, Kenneth Ray, and Mary Ann Bunch. Front row, left to right, Laurence Cottingham, secretary, Bob Sackheim, president, C. J. Harris, vice-president, Bill Burkholder, treasurer. Mikie Hays, another member was not present at the time the picture was taken.

Catholic Welfare Conference; Church World Service (representing 21 Protestant denominations), and Lutheran World Relief (representing the various Lutheran Synods).

In every state, all major agricultural organizations are cooperating.  
Once the relief shipments reach their overseas destinations, the goods are distributed through church channels solely on the basis of need, with no regard to race, religion, or political affiliation, Metzler said.

**No Necessity For Recession**

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 17—(AP)—The honeymoon is over in the business boom, Walter H. Blucher of Chicago said Thursday.  
Blucher is executive director of the Association of State planning and development agencies. He spoke at a meeting of the Mid-Continent Council of Development Agencies.  
"There is no necessity of a recession, but there is a possibility of one because of the short-sightedness and the grasping evidence by some businesses," he said.  
He reported retail trade is down generally over the nation and manufacturers have fewer unfilled backlogs of orders. But the present conditions may represent a healthy leveling off after a ten-year period of unprecedented boom, he said.  
He urged communities to find out what makes them tick by

**More Cash To The Farmers**

**High Production Cost To Cut Net Income Under 1947**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—(AP)—Farmers will take in a little more money this year than last despite declining income in recent months, the agriculture department said Thursday.  
But their net income will not be as high as in 1947, the department said. This was attributed to higher production expenses.  
The prediction of higher income in 1948 reverses earlier estimates that it would be slightly lower.  
Recent declines, however, have not been great enough to offset gains earlier in the year.  
The department estimated farmers' cash receipts in 1948 at around \$30,300,000,000. This compares with \$30,200,000,000 in 1947. It said the volume of marketings for the year will be a little lower than in 1947, but average prices for the year will be a little higher.  
As the situation now stacks up, income from crops will be a little below last year. The gain in total income will result from an increase of about 5 percent in livestock and products.  
Receipts from dairy products will be about 1 per cent higher. Milk production is down about 3 percent, but milk prices are averaging 12 per cent higher.  
Receipts from poultry and eggs are estimated at about 5 percent higher. Prices of eggs and poultry are those of last year, especially in the case of turkeys.  
Marketings of tobacco are down, but not quite enough to offset higher prices. Receipts from fruits will be lower. Most of this is due to lower prices, since production is about the same.

**Clear Two On Mail Fraud Charges**

MEMPHIS, Dec. 17—(AP)—A federal court jury Thursday cleared two Marston, Mo., cotton men of mail fraud charges to end a 10-day re-trial.  
The defendants, Walter Richardson, Sr., and Walter Richardson, Jr., were indicted Nov. 22, 1943.  
They were convicted on two counts of using the mails to defraud in their first trial and sentenced to five years in prison and fined \$2,000 each.  
On an appeal to the sixth circuit court in Cincinnati, the decision was reversed on one count and the case remanded to Memphis for re-trial.

**STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING**  
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Third National Bank of Sedalia, Missouri will be held in its banking rooms on Tuesday, January 11th, 1948, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 12 noon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.  
C. L. HANLEY, Cashier.

No. 9888  
**Executrix's Notice**  
Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Olive Penquite, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of December, 1948, by the Probate Court of Pettis County, Missouri.  
All persons having claims against said Estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Executrix within six months after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of this publication, they shall be forever barred.  
This 10th day of December, 1948.  
NINA HARRIS, Executrix.  
Attested by me this 10th day of December, 1948.  
J. E. SMITH, Judge of Probate Court.  
12-17, 12-24, 12-31, 1-7.

No. 9884  
**Executor's Notice**  
Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Samuel Bowser, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of December, 1948, by the Probate Court of Pettis County, Missouri.  
All persons having claims against said Estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Executor within six months after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of this publication, they shall be forever barred.  
This 10th day of December, 1948.  
JOHN E. BOWSER, Executor.  
Attested by me this 10th day of December, 1948.  
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**Message To Congress Jan. 5**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—(AP)—President Truman will deliver his state of the union message personally to a joint session of the new Congress Jan. 5.  
He told his news conference Thursday he will deliver the message at 1 p. m. (EST) noon (CST) that day.  
Mr. Truman added that his decision to go before a joint session was reached after talks with vice president-elect Barkley and House Speaker Martin (R-Mass).  
President Truman said in response to questions that he will state his views on taxes, price controls, farm price supports, tidelands oil, and the St. Lawrence waterway, among other things.  
Foreign policy will be dealt with in a separate message. His budget message will be sent to the capitol a few days after his personal appearance, and his annual message on the report of his Economic Advisory Council may go up in between the other two.  
Mr. Truman wanted off all questions as to his present views on taxes and price and commodity controls by saying they would be dealt with in his legislative recommendations to Congress.  
Mr. Truman laughed with the crowd when asked whether he would veto a bill raising his own salary. He said he would not veto such a measure, but wanted it distinctly understood he did not ask for it. He is more interested, he added, in getting raises for the vice-president and department and bureau heads.

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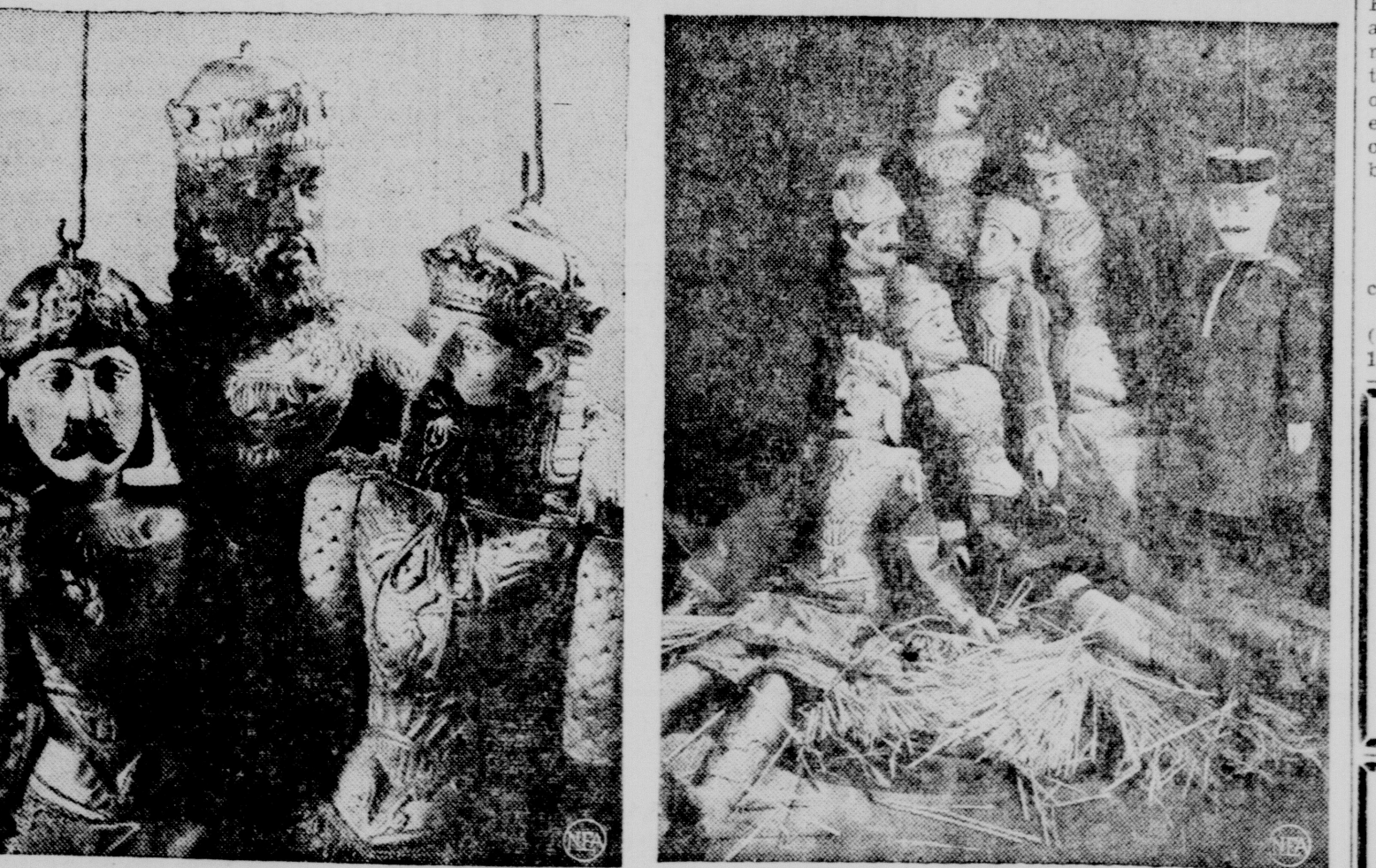
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are the three wise kings, each representing a great race. Below, right, the "powerful Lords of Liege," made senseless by the impact of the "Tragedy" are surveyed by a "common man" at the right.



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**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN**, Missouri Synod, Broadway and Massachusetts avenue. Rev. Walter F. Strickert, pastor; Miss Mildred Brackman, organist; Erhart Kruse, Sunday school superintendent. Sunday school and Bible class, 9:15 a. m. Divine service, 10:30 a. m. The pastor's sermon topic will be: "There Standeth One Among You."

**FIRST METHODIST**, Fourth and Osage. J. F. King, pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. The White Christmas gifts should be brought to the Sunday school. Morning worship 10:30. A special Christmas program of music and reading will be given at this service, by the choir and with Leroy Luchs as reader: "Comfort Ye My People, Handel, solo, Mrs. Carolyn Ward; "He Shall Feed His Flock" Handel, solo, Ed. E. Martin; "But Who May Abide?" Handel, solo, Jimmie Dittmer; "He Shall Reign Forever" Simple, choir with Mrs. Dorothy White as soloist; "Thy Light Is Come" Rodgers, choir; "Good Will to Men" Mascagni, choir; Mary's Slumber Song, Lane, choir with Mrs. Marguerite Peabody as soloist; hymn, "Joy To the World." A Christmas message by the pastor. Youth Fellowship will meet in the Chapel at 6:30 p. m. Evening worship service 7:30 p. m. Rev. E. W. Bartley, district superintendent, will be the preacher for the evening.

**GOODWILL CIRCUIT** of Methodist churches: Rev. Carl Opp, pastor. New Bethel, December 19: Church school 10:00 a. m. Isaac Snow, superintendent. Divine worship 11:00 a. m. Sermon, children's talk, choir. Evening 7:30 Christmas program by the Sunday school and young people. The young people will give the pageant entitled: "The Nativity." Church school sessions will also be held at the following points on December 19 at 10:00 a. m.: Pleasant Hill, Dresden and Goodwill Chapel. Christmas programs: Pleasant Hill, December 24, 7:30 p. m. by Sunday school and choir; Dresden, December 24, 7:30 p. m. by the Sunday school and choir; Goodwill Chapel, December 24, 7:30 p. m. by the Sunday school.

**CALVARY BAPTIST**, Broadway and Montau. Rev. Morgan Beach, pastor. Junior G. A. and R. A. meeting this afternoon after school. On the Lord's day Bible school 9:30 a. m. B. Bradley, superintendent; Ralph Reed, associate. Morning worship 10:45. Sermon by the pastor. Contata Training Union 6:15 p. m. Mrs. E. H. Schumaker, director; Mrs. Pat Pummill, associate. Evening worship 7:30. Sermon by the pastor. Business Woman's Circle and Brotherhood meeting Monday evening 7:30. Christmas tree, program, gifts and treat for Sunday school pupils Tuesday evening 7:30. Prayer meeting and choir rehearsal Wednesday evening 7:30. Christmas Contata Thursday evening directed by R. W. Towner with Miss Dorothy Towner pianist. Lindsey Circle meeting Tuesday evening 2:00. Junior Sunday school department practice at the church Saturday afternoon 3:00.

**REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST of Latter Day Saints**. Elder Roe B. Vincent, pastor. Church school 9:45 a. m. Sermon 11:00 a. m. will be the speaker of Warrensburg will be the speaker. Evening at 7:30, Christmas service. Christmas program 7:30 p. m. December 21 at the church.

**FEDERATED CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN**, Sixth and Osage streets. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Mrs. W. C. Housel, superintendent. Special Christmas program will be given featuring the Christmas Story. Church service with the Rev. Dow S. Pinkston of Marshall. Miss Mabel DeWitt, organist and choir director. Organ prelude, "The Shepherds in the Field" by Malling; anthem, "The Birthday of a King" by Neidinger; offertory, "The Sleep of the Child Jesus" (old French Noel) arranged by Gevaert; Anthem, "There Was a Baby Born in Bethlehem" by Hawes; postlude, "Noel," by Guilmant.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN**, Seventh and Massachusetts. Bible school 9:30. Virgil Herrick, superintendent. Morning worship and communion 10:40. Rev. J. H. Stidham, guest minister, will preach the Christmas sermon. There will be a special program of Christmas music by the chorus choir directed by Mrs. H. O. Foraker. "Silent Night, Holy Night" Barbara Brown; anthem, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Oley Spears; Mrs. W. L. Lewis and choir; anthem, "No Candle Was There and No Fire" Lehmann; Mrs. M. O. Stevens and choir; solo, "The Virgin's Slumber Song" Max Reiter, Mrs. Frank F. Evans. Sunday evening at 7:30 the pageant, "O Holy Night" will be presented by one hundred members of the young adult department. This will be given as a memorial to the Rev. Edgar L. Knight and is directed by Miss Juanita Young.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENCE**, Sixth and Lamine. Sunday school is held at 9:30 a. m. for persons under the age of 20. Sunday services. Subject: "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" Golden text: Psalms 103:19. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Wednesday evening testimonial meetings are at 7. The public is invited to enjoy the "privileges" the reading room located at the same building, entrance on Sixth street. It is open to the public each afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00, except Sundays and holidays, also after the Wednesday evening meetings. The Bible and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read at this room.

**CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN**, Seventeenth and Harrison. E. S. Brummett, pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a. m. Morning service 11:00. Evening service 7:30 p. m.

**SACRED HEART**, Third street and Montau. Father A. J. Brunswick, pastor. Sunday masses 6:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a. m. Weekly masses 6:15 and 7:30 a. m.

**ST. PATRICK'S**, Fourth and Washington. Father T. J. Nolan, pastor. Sunday masses 6:00, 8:00 and 10:00 a. m. Holy Day masses 6:00, 7:30 and 9:00 a. m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**, 517 South Lafayette. Sunday school 10 a. m. Missionary meet 7 p. m. Sacrament and preaching 7:30 p. m. K. B. Rowlette, branch president.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**, Eleventh and Lafayette. Services every Saturday morning Sabbath school at 9:45 and church at 11.

**IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED**, Fourth and Vermont streets. William C. Bessmer, pastor; Mrs. A. R. Beach, director of music; Miss Lillian J. Fox, organist; Lloyd Satterwhite, superintendent of church school. Sunday, December 19: Church school classes for all ages 9:30 a. m. Worship, 10:35 a. m. Sermon: "Those Who Came to Bethlehem." The choir will sing "Come and Worship" by Smart and "Thou, Bethlehem" by Wilson. The program by the church school and candlelighting service will be held Sunday, 4:30 p. m. The Mary Martha Circle will meet Monday, 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Leonard Williams, 907 West Seventh street for a Christmas program and party. The Dorcas Circle meets Monday, 7:30 p. m. at the church for its Christmas program and party. The Brotherhood meets at the church Monday, 7:30 p. m. Christmas communion service will be held Saturday, December 25, 7:00 a. m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**, Fourteenth street and Stewart avenue. Services Lord's Day morning beginning 10:30. Bible lesson: 5th chapter 1 Peter. Sermon at 11:00 a. m. delivered by C. Roy Bixler of Kansas City. Communion. There will be lunch at the noon hour with afternoon services at 2:00 p. m. There will not be evening services on this Sunday.

**FIFTH STREET METHODIST**, Fifth and Osage streets. Dr. H. U. Campbell, minister. Church school 9:30 a. m. Morning worship 10:30. Mrs. Mae Moser, organist, will play: "O Holy Night" by Adam and "Ave Maria" by Bach. Anthem by the choir directed by Miss Geraldine Teufel. Sermon, "O Come, Let Us Adore Him." At 4:00 p. m. the choir will present an hour of Christmas music. From 7:30 to 10:00 p. m. young people's Christmas party. Remember the Christmas music vesper hour at 4:00 instead of 7:30 evening service.

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN (ULCA)**, Tenth street at Osage avenue. Rev. C. Arthur Freeberg, pastor; Mrs. Elmer Englund, organist; Leonard Englund, choir director; Elmer E. Sterling, Sunday school superintendent. Sunday school classes will meet at 9:30 a. m. with classes for all ages. The worship service will be held at 10:45 a. m. Pastor Freeberg will preach on the topic, "Make Straight the Way of the Lord." The choir will meet for rehearsal on Thursday evening December 23 at 7:30 p. m. The Sunday school children's program will be held on Friday evening, December 24, at 7:30 p. m.

**EAST BROADWAY CHRISTIAN**, 1220 East Broadway. Rev. J. W. Watts, pastor; W. H. Swift, superintendent Bible school; Miss Catherine Garman, pianist; Miss Nellie White, choir director. Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 10:45. Sermon subject: "Christmas Message." This is annual Christmas worship service. Evening worship, Christmas program 7:30.

**EAST SEDALIA BAPTIST**, 1019 East Fifth street. Rev. Walter

## False Gods

There was a time when men worshipped the sun and stars, even mountains and trees. Some ancient tribes made sacrifice to stone idols. The old Egyptians made a cult of mummified bulls and cats; the American aborigines danced around the totem pole. Even the Greeks in their days of splendor had their sacred oracles, their gallery of strange, incredible gods.

Modern men may smile over the naive beliefs of ancient races and peoples. But idolatry—the worship of false gods—exists today just as it did in the heydays of old Rome or Greece. Modern false gods are not in the groves or in mountain caves. The idolatry of our times is a subtler idolatry. It is the worship of wealth, success, talent, beauty, or skill. It is the worship of intelligence, art, of the body itself.

Everywhere are men and women who preper the worship of Mammon—of the world and worldly things—to the worship of God. Some of these people may be nominal Christians, but, like some of the primitive Christians, they must be bidden to hear the cry of St. Paul: "What harmony is there between Christ and Belial . . . and what agreement has the temple of God with idols?"

Because they think the cult of Christ too severe, foolish men seek refuge and peace in created things rather than in the Creator Himself. Were the ancients who worshipped the sun more idolatrous than modern intellectuals who worship their own minds? Were they more deluded than are the shallow followers who today offer incense at the altars of so-called great men of government, science, or industry? Are the Romans who erected shrines to their household gods more to be pitied than the crowds who regard popular actors, writers or radio stars as symbols of the best and finest life can offer?

Too many Americans seem to make success their personal god. The danger is not in developing one's talents—every talent ought to be developed—but in prostituting gifts received from God to wrong ends, especially the gratification of selfish or unbridled ambition, at the cost of being alienated from God.

A beautiful woman should not look upon her endowment of beauty as a license to misuse her charm or grace. If she does so, her sin becomes one of idolatry as well as of wantonness. Nor should the great artist, the brilliant statesman or lawyer, the shrewd business executive—or those who yearn to be as powerful or famous—set up idols of power, glory and vanity in their hearts.

## Go To Church This Sunday

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**P. Arnold**, pastor. Sunday school 9:30. Clyde L. Waters, superintendent. Morning worship service 10:30. Training Union 6:15. Orville Lampton, director. Evening evangelistic service 7:30. Wednesday 6:45 p. m. junior choir practice; 7:30 mid-week prayer service; 8:30 p. m. young people and adult choir practice.

**LONGWOOD METHODIST**, Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Church services at 11 o'clock. Union Christmas program at 7:30 p. m. in the Presbyterian church. Irwin Raut, lay pastor.

**CALVARY EPISCOPAL**, Broadway and Ohio. Rev. J. E. Merrick, rector. Services 8:00 a. m. Men's Corporate Communion and breakfast; 9:45 a. m. Sunday school; 11:00 a. m. morning prayer. Mrs. A. J. Harlan and Mrs. William Gibbs will be in charge of the nursery. Sunday school Christmas party will be held at 7:00 p. m. in the Parish Hall. St. Margaret's Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Robert Seelen on Tuesday evening. Our Christmas Eve service will be held on Friday at 10:45. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 10:00 a. m.

**FAITH TABERNACLE**, Saline and Engineer streets. Rev. Sidney K. Mabry, pastor; Violet Mabry, Sunday school superintendent. Sunday school 10:00 a. m. Morning worship 11:00. Fire Brands' services 6:45 p. m. for the young people. Wednesday and Friday nights week night services. We will have our Christmas program Tuesday night, December 21, at 7:30. Treats for everybody. Sunday night message by the pastor.

**CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE**, 701 East Fifth street. Rev. Leo Simmons, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 10:45. Young people's Overcomers 6:45 p. m. Evening service 7:45. Our Christmas program will be on Thursday night before Christmas beginning at 7:45. There will be no other week-night services at the church Christmas week.

## RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES . . . By Scheel

**GEN. EVANGELINE BOOTH OF THE SALVATION ARMY WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS MORNING, 1865.**



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## Sunday School Lesson

**What is True Spirit of Christmas?**  
By William E. Gilroy, D. D.  
What does Christmas mean to you?

To many, away from home in school or college or in place of business, it will mean a joyous homecoming with the traditional bountiful things that homecoming implies. To many it will be the hope of snow and the joys of winter sports. To others it will mean seasonal business and profits in the ever expanding affair of gifts and greetings. And to some it will be only a pagan festival, with greeting cards of cats and dogs and outdoor scenes, pleasant enough but having little to do with what Christmas actually means.

But to many thousands of Sunday school scholars, and to many other thousands of Bible readers, Christmas will mean a turning to the Gospel pages for the age-old ever-new story of the coming of the Christ-child. It will mean the thought of all that His coming meant, to Mary his mother, to the Wise Men and shepherds, to the many longingly awaiting the coming of the Messiah.

There is no real Christmas without Christ. And that is why Christmas will not mean all that it ought to mean in the 20th century. For outwardly the world pays homage to the Christ and dates its years from His birth. But strife, prejudice, hatred and violence so belie that outward

homage, that the cynic might well decrie the celebration of Christmas in a world of such darkness and fear.

But it was a dark world into which the Christ-child came. It, too, had its division and strife. The rule of force was dominant. Though one great power of Rome had subdued all enemies. It had its housing problem, too, for there was no room in the inn, and the Christ child was born in the manger of a stable, a lowly birth in a lowly place.

Here, then, is the real joy of Christmas, and the reality of its celebration in a world dark with shadows and atomic threats. That lowly birth is glorified in the light it has brought into darkness. It is glorified in the love that shines in the inward souls and outward lives of those who not only manifest the honesty of soul and action, but whose lives display the fact that they "have learned of Jesus."

Here is where our vision, and our faith and our hope should be in this 20th century Christmas and not upon the things that deny the Lord, and His teachings and make nothing of His coming. It is a time in the midst of that denial for great affirmations, for saying to the world, "The Lord is come," and for saying it with joy, in life as well as in words. For in all that Christmas means is the world's hope. And it is the world's only hope.

all age groups. Morning worship 10:45 with preaching by Rev. L. C. Robinson.

**Jehovah's Witnesses Study Class**  
There will be a lecture by F. L. Hoeck, subject: "Who Are God's Ministers," Sunday at 2:00 p. m. at Kingdom Hall, 721 East Third. Followed by a study in the Watch Tower on the subject: "Giver of Immortality."

Greasy or scorched pans will be easier to clean if they are soaked first in hot water to which one or two tablespoons of ammonia have been added.

No. 9387  
**Administratrix's Notice**  
Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the Estate of Maude T. Collins, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of December 1948, by the Probate Court of Pettis County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Administratrix within six months after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of this publication, they shall be forever barred.

This 4th day of December, 1948.  
MRS. R. M. FRITZ,  
Administratrix.  
Attested by me this 4th day of December, 1948.  
J. E. SMITH,  
Judge of Probate Court.  
12-10, 12-17, 12-24, 1-3.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATRIX'S SALE**  
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the Probate Court of the County of Pettis, State of Missouri, made at the November Term thereof, and on the 23rd day of November, 1948, I, Birdie Peterson, Administratrix of the estate of James Peterson, deceased, will on the 30th day of December, 1948, at the west front courthouse door in the City of Sedalia, County of Pettis, and during the session of the Probate Court of said County of Pettis, sell at public auction, all the interest of James Peterson, deceased, in and to the following real estate, to-wit:

The North One-half of the South One-half of the Section One-half of the Southwest Quarter of the North-west Quarter of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Forty-six (46), of Range Number Twenty-one (21) containing five (5) acres more or less, in Pettis County, Missouri.

Terms of sale: Cash.

BIRDIE PETERSON, Administratrix Estate of James Peterson, Deceased.  
D. S. Lamm, Attorney.  
11-26, 12-3, 12-10, 12-17.

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IN FORECLOSURE OF DEED OF TRUST**  
Whereas, Roy B. Hammon and Osa L. Hammon, his wife, by their certain deed of trust dated the 25th day of October, 1945, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the County of Pettis, State of Missouri, in Trust Deed Record 424 on page 289, conveyed to the undersigned trustee, the following described real estate situate in the County of Pettis, State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of that part of Lot number Two (2) of the North-west Quarter of Section number Two (2) lying East of Muddy Creek, in Township number Forty Six (46) North, of Range number Twenty-one (21) containing five (5) acres more or less, in Pettis County, Missouri.

Lot number Two (2) of the North East Quarter (NE 1/4) and Five (5) acres off of the North Side of the West Half (W 1/2) of Lot number One (1) of the North East Quarter (NE 1/4) all in Section number Forty Six (46) of Range number Twenty-one (21) in the County of Pettis and State of Missouri.

The Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Two (2) in Township Forty-six (46) North, of Range Number Twenty (20) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian.

Now, Therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in pursuance of the condition in said deed of trust, the undersigned, trustee, will sell the property above described at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House West door in the City of Sedalia, Pettis County, Missouri, on the 4th day of January, 1949, between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 3:00 P. M. on said day, for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the cost of executing this trust.

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"Once upon a now there lived in a far country a Big Black Bear," begins the fable of "The Bear Facts." He had drawn an iron curtain across his cave, and when other animals outside called to him to come out and play ball, the Big Black Bear only stuck his head through the iron curtain long enough for a gruff, "NO."

Outside, the Little Squirrel and the Little Chipmunk were gathering nuts. The Lion, the Wolf and the Fox were asleep. The Eagle was nowhere near. The Big Black Bear thought how handy it would be to have the squirrel and the chipmunk to gather nuts for him, so he declared they were bears and shut them in his cave.



Then the Big Black Bear decided it would be just as easy to grab some honey from across the pond. He buckled on his Schnorkel tube, but a smart little Snooper Bee spotted him and flew straight to the Eagle. As the Bear clambered ashore, the Eagle screamed defiance, warned him not to "stir up the Little People."

The Big Black Bear guffawed, sure that no bees could get through his tough hide. But the bees gunned his tender nose, bombarded his rear until he lay there pleading for mercy. The bees skinned him alive, and "some energetic young jet jobs flew with the body into the stratosphere and left it there for good and always."

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PHILADELPHIA — "Write a story for the air forces, Mom," Roger Culbertson told his mother. So Polly Culbertson sat down in her Pennsylvania farm home, where she divides her time between Hollywood writing jobs, and did the story Roger wanted. The result is "The Bear Facts," a combination of fable, allegory, and satire that utilizes the present-day format of good children's books.

Like many a story for youngsters, its cast of characters is from the animal world, but the Big Black Bear has replaced the Big Bad Wolf as the villain.

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## Phillips Cuts Crude Oil Price

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., Dec. 17.—(P)—The Phillips Petroleum company announced Thursday night "with considerable regret" that it was slashing 35c off its \$3 barrel price for top grade crude oil, in effect since Sept. 28, and reverting to the \$2.65 maximum at 7 a. m. tomorrow.

Failure of other major oil companies to match the 35-cent hike was blamed for the retrenchment by K. S. Adams, Phillips president.

Only one major, Sinclair Prairie Oil Company, and a half dozen smaller independents in the mid-continent area had met the increase.

While conceding defeat in the company's efforts to maintain the \$3.00 crude top, Adams said:

"It is our conviction that the higher crude price we are now withdrawing is essential to cover the greatly increased (production) costs. Without it the exploration and drilling program needed to meet future demand will not be forthcoming, thus making this country even more dependent on uncertain foreign sources of oil."

"A foreign oil supply thousands of miles away," Adams said, "is a slender thread on which to hang our national security in these days of strained international affairs."

Loss of the nation's 500,000 barrels of daily oil imports would immediately cause "an unprecedented oil shortage," he said.

The price cut is effective on all grades of crude in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas and Montana where Phillips is a purchaser of crude oil.

In Tulsa, independent oil producers received news of the lowered price with disappointment.

## Gen. MacArthur On Church Group

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(P)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur will serve as honorary co-chairman of an American Protestant church group planning to establish a large Christian university in Japan.

This was announced by Dr. James L. Fieser, executive director of the Japan Christian University Foundation, upon his return from Japan. He said MacArthur was "keenly interested" in the project and regarded it as highly important in helping implement the right kind of domestic leadership in Japan.

Joseph C. Grew, former U. S. ambassador to Japan, is the other honorary co-chairman.

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## Opinion As To Spy Hunt Is Unchanged

President Holds To View It "Only A Red Herring"

By J. W. Davis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(P)—Pres. Truman Thursday stuck to his low rating of the congressional spy hunt, and the Justice department and the House investigators argued bitterly over alleged "bungling" in developing secret microfilm evidence.

This latest round of word warfare between the Truman administration and Republican members of the House un-American activities committee developed like this:

First, Mr. Truman told a White House news conference that the indictment of Alger Hiss, former state department official, on charges of perjury has not changed his opinion of the House inquiry. Thus it remains: He still thinks it is only a red herring.

Hiss pleaded innocent in New York today. He was accused of falsely swearing he did not give secret government documents to Whitaker Chambers, self-described former Communist agent.

Second, Reps. Mundt (R-SD) and Nixon (R-Calif) on the House committee said Mr. Truman has been and is still wrong in calling the probe a red herring "He's 100 per cent more wrong when he said it this time," said Mundt. "Mr. Truman is on the hook," commented Nixon.

The "bungling" argument was set off by a Justice department official in New York who withheld the use of his name.

He said that the roll of microfilm recorded as evidence among the now famous "pumpkin papers" was ruined by a House committee investigator.

"So far the F. B. I. has been unable to produce what was on the (one roll of) film," the official said. "The bungling amateur investigator—and I use the word amateur advisedly—may have prevented the possible indictment of an entire wartime espionage ring."

This one of five rolls of film found in a pumpkin on Chambers' Maryland farm, the department official said, has "been exposed to such an extent that we fear it cannot be rehabilitated."

In Washington, the committee said in a statement that this is a "vicious sneak attack" and a "patent fabrication." Rep. Nixon called it a "falsehood with knowledge," intended to cover up lack of diligence by the department in the past.

The committee statement said that when Chambers took committee agents William Wheeler and Donald Appell to pumpkin hiding place, he told them that one cylinder of film had been smashed and he thought its contents would be worthless.

The committee noted further that the House group alone "provided the necessary documentary evidence which led to the breaking of this case and the indictment of one of the parties concerned."

Mr. Truman told his news conference that the attorney general for more than a year has been trying to tighten up espionage laws. He said it is a difficult thing to do, and at the same time stay within constitutional rights.

Before the news conference at the White House, there were these disclosures from the committee through the publication of copies of documents in the case:

(1) That as early as 1938 the U. S. was keeping tabs on Russian military movements in China.

(2) That non-secret but "valuable" diagrams of U. S. navy airplane devices fell into the hands of Chambers when he was a Communist agent.

(3) That the late Gen. "Vinegar" Joe Stilwell believed a decade ago that the Chinese people lacked enthusiasm for their war with Japan because of mistreatment from their own troops.

(4) That a U. S. diplomat sent out a warning for American businessmen to go slow in putting their money into Japanese-dominated Manchuria. Among other reasons cited was the possibility of war between Russia and Japan.

The disclosures all came from the House committee as a part of its day-to-day release of copies from the stack of papers it got from Chambers. (All are dated 1937 or 1938.) Chambers in turn says he got them from Hiss and government sources supposed to keep them under lock and key.

## Berlin's Mayor



Ernst Reuter, newly-elected Lord Mayor of the legal Berlin government, wants the three western sectors of Berlin unified. "Complete reorganization of administration in the western sectors is being planned," said Reuter. He also wants the airlift to boost its daily tonnage from 4000 to 8000. (Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent Joe Schuppe.)

## Nips Zips' Slips

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Ever had a stuck slide-fastener?

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Sympathize with Barbara Nichols, whose slide-fastener was stuck. To the rescue comes Robert S. Greenfield of Chicago, demonstrating his zip repair kit. Greenfield says it will fix any stuck slide, regardless of size, in a minute and a half. The demonstration took place in New York.



## Press Secretary Writes Of 'How Truman Did It'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(P)—The crowds that President Truman drew during his campaign "should have told the pollsters and other 'experts' something," his press secretary says in an article on "How Truman Did It."

Charles G. Ross, writing in the current issue of Collier's magazine, said the President's own firm belief in victory never wavered from the time of his nomination until the November ballots were counted.

He said act 1, scene 1 of the campaign drama took place in the President's office in mid-July shortly after the Philadelphia convention. Experts already were predicting defeat, but Mr. Truman said his staff:

"We are going to win. I expect to travel all over the country and talk at every whistle stop. We are going to be on the road most of the time from Labor Day to the end of the campaign. It's going to be tough on everybody, but that's the way it's got to be."

And Ross said: "I don't believe it stretches the truth to say that the election was won then and there."

The total distance traveled in the President's seven campaign trips was 21,928 miles, Ross said. Counting the June "non-political" junket the total was 31,473. During these trips the President made 331 speeches. One day he gave 16. Lot On "Slick Efficiency"

Ross said Mr. Truman's staff heard a lot about the "slick efficiency" on Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's campaign train.

"Things were done in a rougher sort of way on the Truman train, as if we were operating just one jump ahead of the sheriff," he said. He was referring to speech writing and handling of details for meetings and talks.

No outside experts were brought in to write Mr. Truman's speeches. Ross continues. The staff handled most of it, with the President supervising, writing much of it himself, and revising.

Ross expressed amazement over the President's energy. "He has the bounce of a rubber ball."

The size of the crowds should have tipped off pollsters and experts of the trend, he said, and added:

"Significant, too, was the attitude of some visiting politicians who had been reluctant to associate their own campaigns with that of the President."

"One could see the hesitation of these doubting Thomases vanish as they noted the size and enthusiasm of the crowds. More than one candidate who had been certain of Truman's defeat left our train a Truman coattail rider."

He said the President's campaign was a crusade, but that he also had a personal motive for victory: "He had been belittled and vilified. x x x He had the human desire to prove his detractors wrong. He succeeded, and, I think, he will continue to succeed in the years ahead."

## Dismissed On Old Murder Charge

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—(P)—Using the legal knowledge he had acquired in the prison library, a 47-year-old convict Thursday won dismissal of a murder charge to which he pleaded guilty 30 years ago.

He is Richard Monahan, who in 1918 pleaded guilty to the fatal shooting of Thomas F. Brennan, a packinghouse cashier.

After years of efforts, aided by two brothers and three sisters, he obtained a habeas corpus writ and a hearing last Nov. 22 before the state supreme court. He contended he had not been offered legal counsel. He won a retrial, but today the case was dismissed at the request of the prosecutor's office. Lamar W. Dye, an assistant prosecutor, said the staff had been unable to find any evidence against Monahan in the case.

Monahan will not go free at once, however. He will be returned to Jefferson City in connection with a life sentence under the habitual criminal act, assessed while he was out on parole in 1933.

He said he planned to file a writ of habeas corpus on the grounds that dismissal of the murder charge made the habitual criminal act inapplicable.

"This is my best Christmas in a whole lifetime," Monahan said after the hearing. "I've been in so long I don't know what to say."

## CORRECTION

The price of the following item appeared incorrectly in our advertisement in the Thursday, December 16th issue of The Democrat. This item should have read.

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## Another Ring Missing

Another ring was reported missing to police by David Elliott, of the Elliott Jewelry store, 216 South Ohio, Thursday. The ring had only set with a small diamond with a reported value of \$60.

He told police this ring was probably taken along with one he reported missing from a front show window, Monday morning.

Marriage License Issued  
Fred Felix, and Lula B. Alliga, both of Sedalia.

When I was just a kid I wasn't guilty but I didn't know what was going on."

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Sedalia, Mo., Friday,  
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	LARGE NAVY BEANS . . . 2 lbs. 25¢

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## Big Seven Increases Grid Crowds

Missouri Attendance 106,892 or 21,392 More Than in 1947

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—(AP)—Led by the Southwest's whopping 25 percent increase, college football crowds were larger almost everywhere this fall.

An Associated Press survey of 89 schools today showed the Far West as the only exception to the upward trend.

Nationally the increase in average attendance was 4.3 per cent over 1947. The 89 schools played 451 home games before gatherings totalling 12,446,754. Last year 11,719,998 saw 443 home games.

Average Crowd 27,598. An average game this fall drew 27,598 paying customers. Last year the average was 26,456.

The Midwest, as usual, had the biggest crowds, both average and total. The 105 midwestern games drew 3,689,633 fans, a breakdown of 35,135 per game. The Southwest with 32,329 was next as far as averages were concerned, followed by the east with 26,273, Far West with 25,028 and South with 23,008.

Pennsylvania, which played 7 home games, had the highest total attendance — 469,000. Michigan, which attracted 407,057 to five home dates, had the best average.

Largest Was Army-Navy. The biggest crowd of the year sat in on the Army-Navy classic at Philadelphia. These 102,581 persons counted on Navy's home attendance since the Middies were hosts to the game.

Many schools set new all time records as did the entire Big 7 conference. In this case the conference total was a new high and the average crowds for each school were new highs.

### Rugged Scrimmage For M. U. Tigers

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 16—(AP)—The University of Missouri football squad, at top physical strength, will get a rugged scrimmage session either next Monday or Tuesday, Coach Don Faurot said today.

Little Mike Ghnoully, 182-pound break-away artist, was able to take part in rough work yesterday for the first time since he was injured in the Oklahoma game Nov. 6. Ghnoully in good condition will be a big asset to the Tigers in their "Gator bowl" engagement with Clemson New Year's day.

Also able to work for the first time since late in the regular season are ends Ken Bounds and Dick Armstrong and John Donley and Freeman Bullock, second string tackles.

### NAIB Tourney Opens in K. C.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17—(AP)—Four old time performers in the championship tournaments sponsored by the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball will square off in the first set of two doubleheaders here tonight.

Indiana State of Terre Haute and Beloit (Wis.) college will open the card at 8:15 p. m. CST. The University of Louisville (Ky.) 1948 national champions and the Marshall College of Huntington, W. Va., will meet at 9:30 o'clock.

The Indiana team was beaten by Louisville for the title in the NAIB's six day meet here last March. Beloit was eliminated in the quarter finals.

Marshall, a heavy favorite with Kansas City fans the past couple of years, won the 1947 tournament.

Tonight's winners and losers will meet tomorrow.

### Douglas Russell Quits As Nebraska U. Coach

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 17—(AP)—Douglas Russell has resigned effective Feb. 1, as assistant coach at the University of Nebraska.

Resignation of Russell, who came here two years ago from Kansas State, was announced by George (Potsy) Clark, head coach and athletic director at Nebraska.

## Browns, Cardinals Each Place Three Men on 1948 AP All-Pro Eleven



MAL KUTNER—End Chicago Cards



DICK HUFFMAN—Tackle Los Angeles Rams



GARRARD RAMSEY—Guard Chicago Cards



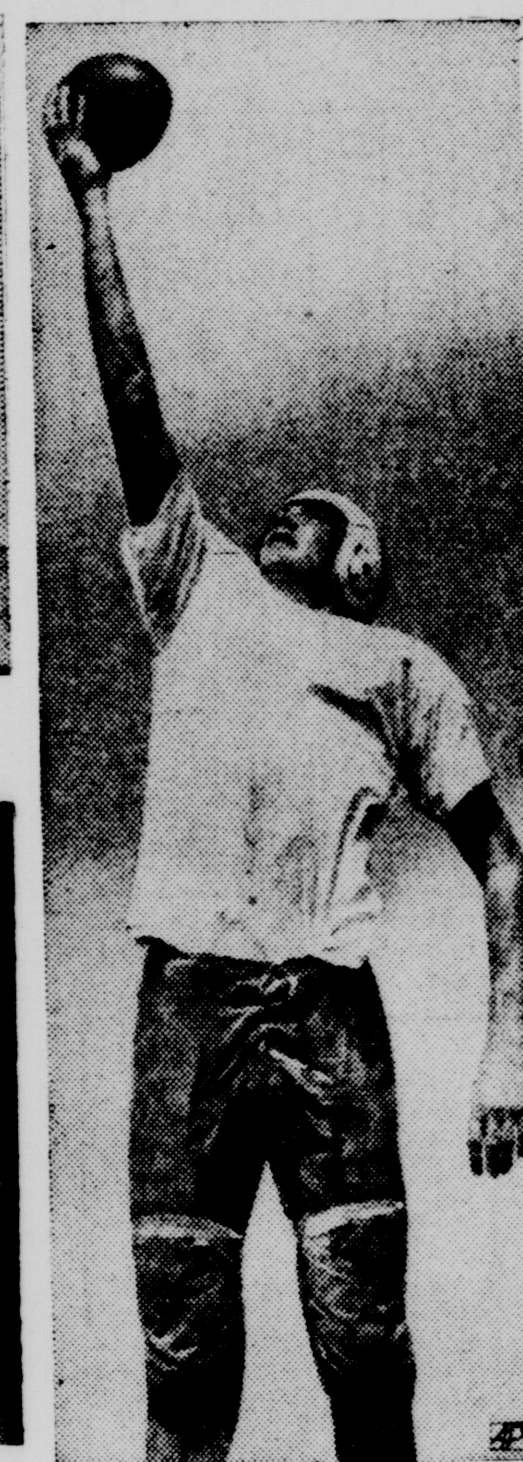
CLYDE TURNER—Center Chicago Bears



BOB REINHARD—Tackle Los Angeles Rams



DICK BARWEGAN—Guard Baltimore Colts



MAC SPEEDIE—End Cleveland Browns

### 1948 AP All-Pro Football Team

E—Mal Kutner, Chicago Cards.....	6-2	197	..... Texas
T—Dick Huffman, L. A. Rams.....	6-2	230	..... Tennessee
G—Gerrard Ramsey, Chi. Cards.....	6-1	210	..... William & Mary
C—Clyde Turner, Chicago Bears.....	6-0	235	..... Hardin-Simmons
B—Dick Barwegen, Balti. Colts.....	6-0	230	..... Purdue
T—Bob Reinhard, L. A. Rams.....	6-3	238	..... California
E—Mac Speedie, Cleve. Browns.....	6-3	212	..... Utah
B—Otto Graham, Cleve. Browns.....	6-1	195	..... Northwestern
B—Charley Trippi, Chi. Cards.....	6-0	185	..... Georgia
B—Steve Van Buren, Phil. Eagles.....	6-1	207	..... LSU
B—Marion Motley, Cleve. Browns.....	6-1	238	..... Nevada

### All-Pro Football Second Team

E—Pete Pihos, Phila. Eagles.....	
T—Fred Davis, Chicago Bears.....	
G—Bill Willis, Cleve. Browns.....	
C—Geo. Strohmeier, Brooklyn Dodgers.....	
G—Charles Drulis, Chi. Bears.....	
T—Lou Rymkus, Cleve. Browns.....	
E—Alyn Beals, San Fran. 49ers.....	
B—Tommy Thompson, Philadelphia Eagles.....	
B—Sammy Baugh, Washington Redskins.....	
B—John Strzylowski, San Francisco 49ers.....	
B—Chet Mutryn, Buffalo Bills.....	

### 1947 All-Pro

E—Mac Speedie, Cleve. Browns.....	
T—Al Wistert, Phila. Eagles.....	
G—Riley Matheson, L. A. Rams.....	
C—Clyde Turner, Chicago Bears.....	
G—Bruno Banducci, S. Fran. 49ers.....	
T—Dick Huffman, L. A. Rams.....	
E—Bruce Alford, N. Y. Yankees.....	
B—Sid Luckman, Chicago Bears.....	
B—Otto Graham, Cleve. Browns.....	
B—Steve Van Buren, Phil. Eagles.....	
B—Orban Sanders, N. Y. Yankees.....	

### One-Hand Push Shot Still Uncommon In East, Though Böhler Used it in '01

By Harry Grayson  
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK—Stanford's Hank Luisetti popularized it somewhat a dozen winters ago, but the one hand push shot remains uncommon in eastern basketball.

This despite the fact that J. Fred Böhler employed it effectively as a member of the Reading, Pa., YMCA team as far back as 1901.

"At that time," recalls Washington State's veteran director of athletics, "the ball was slightly smaller, and on account of my large hands it just seemed to come natural to me to use the one hand push shot when near the basket."

"I wasn't coached in this. I just fell into it naturally. I used the one hand push shot very effectively while playing with the Reading professional team in 1906 and 1907."

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### Sports Roundup

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 17—(AP)—

Nearly every tournament on the winter golf tour is listed as "open international" and it took a query to PGA tournament manager George S. S. to explain that second word. . . . It seems some of the professionals who aren't PGA members would cut up occasionally — talk out of turn and even offend sponsors.

To insure better control, the PGA merely set up an "approved player list" and signed those non-members to "player agreements" which cover conduct on and off the golf course, even to such things as refraining from talking to newspapermen on controversial subjects and criticizing PGA officials. . . . A player who isn't approved, doesn't get invited. . . . Simple, isn't it? . . . S. S. calls it a "code of ethics" and adds that "this entire structure is rather difficult to explain in writing."

But it seems okay. Maybe a good player could get shut out for no fault of his own, but it's the PGA which gets people to put up those \$13,500 purses. So why shouldn't it have something to say about who plays for whom?

### One Minute Sports Page

Bill Jacobs, Oklahoma U. miler, has accepted an invitation to run in the Sugar bowl track meet.

Last year he was a member of Bruce Drake's Sooner basketball squad which lost to Tulane in the Sugar bowl game. He must have some sweet vacations. . . . Local gossip says that Joe Lapchick has been given complete command of Madison Square Garden basketball operations to prevent friction among New Irish assistants since he no longer can keep such close watch over affairs. . . . Maybe that explains why the rows of movable seats are farther apart this year. Joe wanted enough room for his long legs. . . . The Chicago White Sox took a 16-man delegation to the minor league meetings. Only business transacted was the sale of Tony Lupien to Sacramento, and that deal was called off because of trouble with waivers.

### Dots All Brothers

Tulane football coach Henry Frka has been a frequent visitor in Texas lately and the assumption is that he's looking for more of those good high school players. . . . The AAU, in its sketches of candidates for the Sullivan Memorial Award, has reduced basketballer Bob Kurland's height to 6-foot-7. They always were conservative.

### "Ali Alaba" Wrestler Is Killed in Ohio

NAPOLÉON, O., Dec. 17—(AP)—Laurence LeBelle, 41-year-old professional wrestler, known as "Ali Alaba, the Terrible Turk" is dead.

LeBelle was killed Wednesday night in a motor car-truck crash. Two other wrestlers, Frankie Hart, 34, Toledo, and Samuel W. Nichols, 37, Medford, Mass., suffered chest injuries. They were reported in "fairly good condition."

"Ali Alaba" is not Ala Baba, who appeared here last Wednesday, but has wrestled in Kansas City and St. Joseph.

### Teen-Town Party December 18

On Saturday December 18 there will be a big Christmas party at Teen Town sponsored by the Junior girls of Smith-Cotton. There will be a distinguished visitor sometime during the evening and also refreshments. Every teen-ager is urged to attend.

Washington State recently named its new plant the J. Fred Böhler Memorial gymnasium.

They think a lot of Fred Böhler out that way.

Army winning the August V. Lambert Memorial Trophy symbolizing the championship of eastern football, for the fourth time in five years is reminded of the fact that Pittsburgh bagged it in 1936-37. Carnegie Tech in 1938 and Fordham in 1942.

This stresses just how far Pitt football has gone back since the days of Dr. Jock Sutherland, Carnegie Tech's decline since its Sugar bowl days and Fordham's plunge since the period preceding World War II.

Capt. Tom Hamilton is Pitt's new athletic director, but that

### Set Shots and Lay-ups

Knickerbockers Depend on Fakes to Carry Out the Fundamental Plays

By Joe Lapchick  
N.Y. Knickerbockers' Coach  
NEW YORK — This double cut off post is one of the N.Y. Knickerbockers' fundamental plays. It is important for each player to fake before making his move. Usually the player fakes in the direction opposite to that in which he intends to go.

This makes the screens more effective, helps to shake the opponent guarding.

Four drops back to take a pass from one, which he feeds to five, who acts as a post.

At the same time, two feints to the right and cuts to the left, screening off defensive one.

Offensive one cuts close off the post. Three cuts off the first cut, one receiving a pass from post five and dribbling in to the goal.

Note that one fishhooks, after setting up a screen for three, to be in a defensive position.

### Movie Cameras to Sports Champions

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 17—(AP)—Two dozen of America's sports champions had new movie cameras today — gifts received at probably the most unusual banquet ever held.

Unusual and unique it was, for not a speech was made as the stars in football, baseball, basketball, hockey, auto racing and several other sports were honored last night.

Robert A. Stranahan, president of the Champion Spark Plug Co., and dad of Frankie Stranahan, goldfom's muscle man champion of Britain, Canada and Mexico, was host at the affair. It attracted the cream of the nation's newspaper and radio talent as mere onlookers.

Also in the banquet crowd of 250 were many notables in the sports world such as outstanding coaches in the nation, heads of major baseball organizations, former outstanding athletes, and other prominent personalities.

### Lone Elm 4-H Club Meeting

The Lone Elm 4-H Club held its monthly meeting at the home of Leslie Robertson with eleven members and thirteen visitors present. Roll call was answered by "What I Like Best at Christmas."

The songs, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful," were led by Johnny Ballah.

Cookies and cocoa were served, and gifts were given out following the business session.

### Traffic Cases

Failure to appear in police court this morning resulted in the forfeiture of six one-dollar cash bonds by overtime parking violators, on order of Judge Harry O. Berry.

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## S-C Tigers Play Hannibal Tonight

The first conference and home basketball game of the season will be played tonight at 8:00 o'clock between the Smith-Cotton Tigers and Hannibal on the Tigers' home court, Smith-Cotton high school.

Hannibal defeated the Tigers 36-34 last Saturday which won them the pre-season conference tilt. Smith-Cotton ranked second, so this game will probably be an exciting one for the basketball season.

The Tigers were defeated in a road game at Tipton by a score of 31-41, but have maintained a victory since, defeating Windsor 33-32, and Marshall 45-39. The team defeated Kemper 36-35 and Jefferson City 37-34 during the conference tilt at Jefferson City.

At the game tonight, the Smith-Cotton pep band will be on hand during intermission, and other intervals to swing out on several numbers.

Democrat-Capital Class ads get results: 10 words, 1 week, 80c. Phone 1000.

## U. S. Hockey League

By The Associated Press  
Last night's results:  
Minnesota 3, St. Paul 3 (tie).  
Dallas 2, Tulsa 2 (tie).  
Houston 2, Fort Worth 2 (tie).  
Tonight's schedule:  
No games scheduled.

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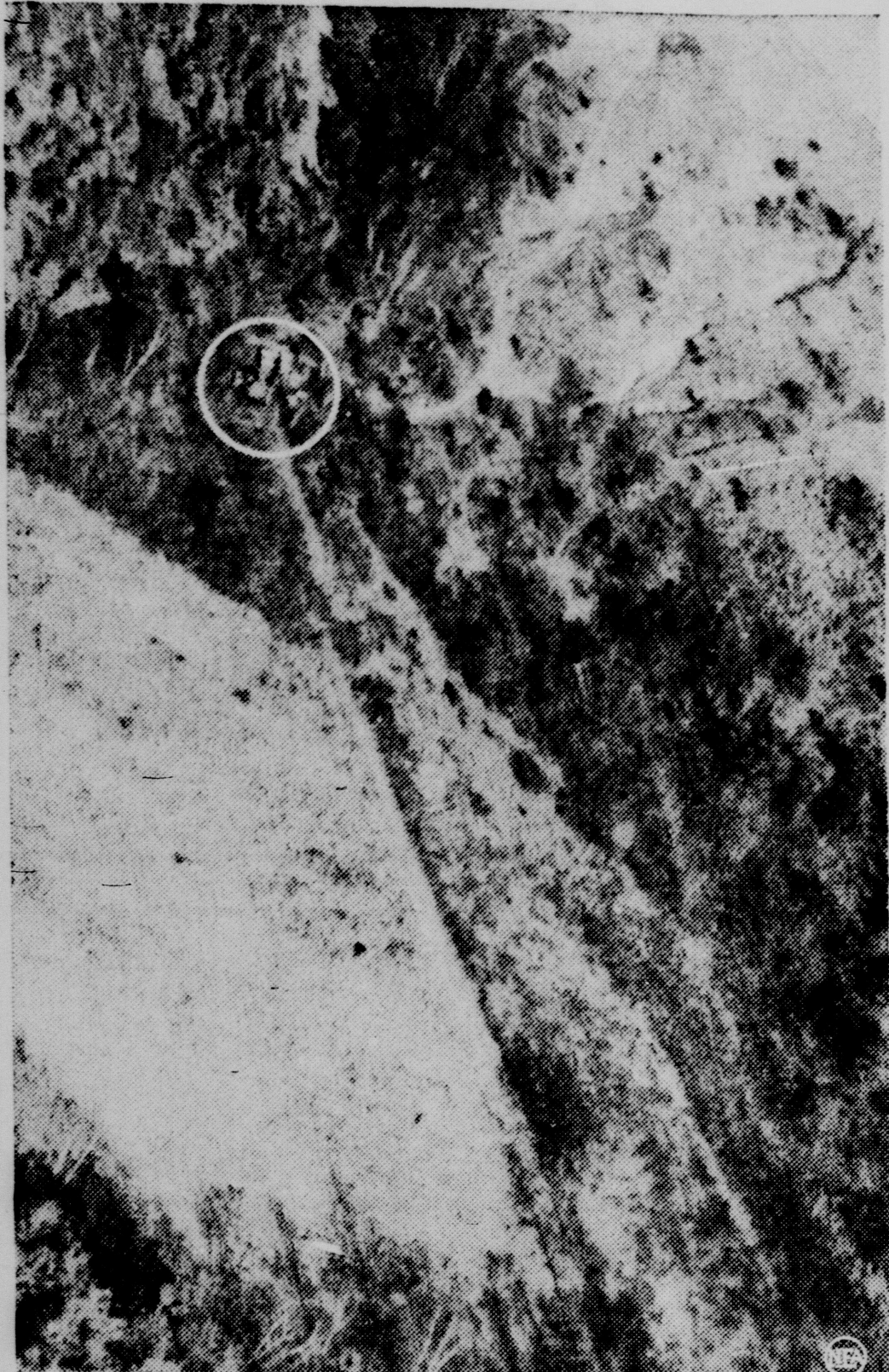
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## Moonshine's Bright Again Down South

But Aerial Revenue Darken Bootleggers' Skies



Somewhere in the Carolina mountains, a moonshiner's still (circled) is spotted from a Coast Guard plane. Even if the still were camouflaged, winding road that leads to it from the upper right would tip off airborne revenue agents.



Led to this moonshine hideaway by directions given from a plane, these revenue agents moved in so fast the still was still operating when they arrived. They wrecked it.

By Douglas Larsen  
NEA Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON—(NEA)—The bottled-in-the-barn business is booming. Moonshining is mushrooming. And bootlegging is back. Illegal stills in the U. S. have increased production about 50 per cent over last year, and the business is still expanding.

During October, the latest month for which the Treasury Department has figures, 619 stills were raided. They were producing 21,709 gallons of booze a day, undiluted with federal taxes. More than 700 persons were arrested and close to \$1,000,000 worth of property and equipment seized.

Several reasons are given for the bootleg boom. High taxes on legal liquor encourage the sale of the cheap, bootleg stuff. Sugar has suddenly become plentiful and cheaper, and so have corn and the other grain which go into the product. Copper tubing is now becoming readily available for the first time since before the war.

But the moonshine business isn't what it used to be before the war, thanks mainly to the Coast Guard's airplanes. Lonely

woods and mountain sides no longer offer the protection they used to give the illegal distillers. It's pretty easy to spot a still from the air. Smoke rising in the middle of a thickly wooded area and storage cans are a giveaway. If the moonshiners are wise and cover up these signs, their plant can be detected by tell-tale roads leading to the spot.

An observer in the plane directs agents on the ground by radio. Walkie-talkies are used when the chase goes on foot. This method is so effective that the man in the plane can lead agents on the ground to the hideouts the moonshiners run to as they flee the raiders.

On one raid a plane sometimes spots as many as 10 stills. In some areas there are regular patrols, and raids are planned after the plane spots a moonshiner's outfit. So far, according to Treasury

## Real Estate Transfers

James W. Morrison and wife to E. S. Shortridge warranty deed to property at northwest corner of Third street and Marvin avenue \$1.00 and other consideration.

Leo J. Hughes to Mildred Hughes Jackson, warranty deed to undivided interest in property in the town of LaMonte, Missouri, \$1.00 and other consideration.

Mildred J. Shelley, single to Clay H. Shelley, quit claim deed to property at southwest corner of 18th street and Sneed avenue \$1.00 and other consideration.

Myrtle Carver and husband to Kenneth and Annetta Miller warranty deed to property at northwest corner of Ninth street and Carr avenue \$1.00 and other consideration.

Roy Bozarth and wife to Lester L. and Lula Mae Petree, warranty deed to property at northwest corner of Pettis and Park avenue \$1.00 and other consideration.

Brooksie B. Bradley and wife to E. D. and J. C. Osbourn, warranty deed to property on the north side of 18th street between Warren and Limit avenues \$700.

Clara Belle Mabry to Leonard J. and Ethel Mabry warranty deed to property on east side of Osage avenue between 12th and 13th streets \$1.00 and other consideration.

E. W. Goetz, sheriff to R. L. Burford, sheriff's deed to property on west side of Quincy avenue between Main and Second streets \$3,900.

Jean Avery Ilgenfritz Deming and husband, Dorothy Ilgenfritz Boggs Buckles and husband, David J. Crikelair, trustee for Dorothy Ilgenfritz Boggs Buckles, W. M. Ilgenfritz, and wife and McNair Ilgenfritz to Clyde C. and Sarah J. Forth warranty deed to property on south side of Tenth street between Montgomery and Brown avenues \$1.00 and other consideration.

Spencer B. Miller and wife to Earl and Ola Frisch warranty deed to 30 acres of land, more or less, in Green Ridge township \$1.00 and other consideration.

C. H. Eamhardt and wife to James E. and Bessie L. Closser warranty deed to property at the northeast corner of Saline street and New York avenue \$1.00 and other consideration.

W. C. Walk and wife to James V. and Edrie M. Walk warranty deed to 40 acres of land, more or less, in Longwood township \$1.00 and other consideration.

Berry B. Wolkey and wife and William R. Vansell and wife to Marilla A. Shanahan warranty deed to property on east side of Stewart avenue between Morgan and Johnson streets \$2,400.

West View Investment Co. to Worth P. and Patricia C. Wilson warranty deed to property on the west side of Summer avenue between Liberty park boulevard and Spring street \$1.00 and other consideration.

Tom E. Ware and wife to Jerry E. and Veronica M. Trotter warranty deed to property at the northeast corner of 12th street and Crescent Drive \$1.00 and other consideration.

Nadine Mildre Peak and husband to Victor R. and Lois A. Stelljes warranty deed to property on the north side of Broadway between Porter and New York avenues \$1.00 and other consideration.

Quincy A. Morgan and wife to Eura Jones warranty deed to

officials, this growing business has been confined to the activities of small syndicates, two or three men with less than \$5000 capital. One small still can be started with an automobile and \$100. Syndicate operators usually have four or five stills producing in one county. No large interstate shipments of moonshine have been attempted.

Raids seldom flush the ring-leaders. That takes hard detective work.

Most of the increased activity has been in the south, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina accounted for more than half of the stills seized during October.

Treasury enforcement officers are hopeful that the current increase is only a temporary spurt. They are managing to close up the stills as fast as they open.

The experts say that bootlegging isn't profitable enough with times so prosperous to attract the big-time crooks and syndicates, but if a depression should increase the market for cheap, bootleg booze, the big gangs might come back into the picture again.

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## Largest Bomber Must Come Out Sideways



With a 230-foot wingspan, the Convair B-36, world's largest bomber, must come out of the building where it was built sideways, since the door is only 200 feet wide. It was turned around inside the assembly building in Fort Worth, Tex., before tractors pulled it out. Another necessary maneuver was to jack up the nose so that the 47-foot-high tail would be lowered enough to clear roof trusses.

## The Doctor Says

By Edwin P. Jordan, M. D.  
Written for NEA Service

Blood in the urine is a serious symptom all too frequently neglected. When the urine is bloody for only a day or two and then clears up, too many people forget all about it. This symptom is not caused by a "strain" or a "cold," but something serious is almost always responsible.

The presence of blood in the

property on the west side of Missouri avenue between Pettis and Cooper streets \$1.00 and other consideration.

Charlie Garrison to Frank P. Geminden warranty deed to property at southeast corner of 6th street and Montgomery avenue \$1.00 and other consideration.

Allan A. Ferguson and wife to Lena Blau and Marshall J. Blau and all to survivor warranty deed to property on the east side of Carr avenue between 14th and 16th streets \$1.00 and other consideration.

T. A. Hammock and wife to Marvin E. and Edith A. Robertson, warranty deed to 169.75 acres of land, more or less in Lake Creek township \$1.00 and other consideration.

W. M. Williams and wife to Thomas and Rose Billingsley warranty deed to property on south side of 11th street between Lafayette and Ingram avenues \$1.00 and other consideration.

urine is a symptom rather than a disease. It means that there is bleeding somewhere along the urinary passageways. The blood may come from the kidneys. Bleeding from the kidneys can start from an injury, from a tumor, from an inflammation, from stones, and from other conditions within these organs. Needless to say, something which causes enough bleeding in the kidneys to be observed in the urine should be investigated promptly and completely. Most such conditions can be treated successfully either by medical means or by surgery if they are caught early enough.

The great tragedy, however, is that when they have been allowed to exist for a long time they reach a stage in which treatment is no longer possible.

**Possible Injuries**  
After leaving the kidneys, the urine passes down tubes known as ureters—one for each kidney. These tubes can be injured, can be pressed upon by tumors, or can be blocked by stones which cause bleeding into the urine. Below the ureters lies the bladder and especially in men other structures which can become diseased and lead to blood in the urine.

In many diseases of the urinary passageways, blood may appear for a short time in the urine and then disappear, leading to a false sense of relief and security. And pain or discomfort can be absent entirely! Specialists in this field maintain that this irregularity of bleeding causes a great deal of difficulty and that many of their problems are made much worse because of neglect. Many people would be saved untold suffering and perhaps even death if they

paid more attention to this dangerous symptom.

NOTE: Dr. Jordan is unable to answer individual questions from readers. However, each day he will answer one of the

most frequently asked questions in his column.

THE DOCTOR ANSWERS  
By Edwin P. Jordan, M. D.

QUESTION: Can a person take too much parathyroid medicine?

ANSWER: Yes. Too much parathyroid can cause muscular contractions or twitchings which are known as parathyroid tetany.

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**Wild Rumors As To Latest Turn In Struggle In Drive For Nanking**

PEIPING, Dec. 16.—(P)—All buildings just outside Peiping's walls were ordered demolished today, indicating a fight may be made for this ancient city of Chinese emperors.

Gen. Fu Tso-Yi, commander in north China, ordered the demolition of the buildings furnish cover for Chinese Communists now attacking just outside the walls.

Should General Fu be in earnest, the order suggests he intends to make a battleground of Peiping if the Reds try to enter the city.

NANKING, Dec. 16.—(P)—Government counter-attacks outside the walls of beleaguered Peiping and conflicting announcements over the escape or destruction of a trapped army group northwest of Nanking featured tonight's rumor-wild Chinese war news.

Meanwhile a shipload of U. S. Marines reached Shanghai, to guard American lives and property if needed.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek remained secluded. A reliable source said he was studying suggestions that he step aside to permit negotiations with the rampant Communists, but nothing had developed.

Hysterical rumors swept Nanking and Peiping. They ranged from the probable to the absurd and obscured the true situation.

Newspapers, especially in Shanghai, bannered all day that Communists had captured Peiping and the northern commander, Gen. Fu Tso-Yi.

**Refutes Claims**  
Associated Press Correspondent Spencer Moosa reported direct from Peiping tonight that these stories were not correct.

In a dispatch timed at 7 p. m. (6 a. m. EST) Moosa said General Fu's headquarters announced successful counterattacks just outside the Peiping walls.

Points three and one-half to six miles outside Peiping were listed as recaptured, including the damaged electric power plant for dark Peiping.

Moosa said rifle fire from just outside was audible all morning.

Inside the city, Moosa reported all as about as usual, but thousands of civilians had been put to work building an emergency landing strip near the old legation quarter. Until it is finished, Peiping remains cut off.

On the front between Nanking, the national defense ministry suddenly announced that Gen. Huang Wei's 12th army group had fought off of a Communist trap and joined another government force northwest of Pengpu. That anchor of the Hwai river line is about 100 miles northwest of Nanking.

Immediately the Communist radio announced that the 12th army group had been finally destroyed Wednesday night after 22 days of encirclement.

Nearly 700 U. S. Marines of the ninth regiment arrived at Shanghai aboard the transport Bayfield from Tsingtao. They are to stay aboard until needed ashore, but will be allowed shore liberty.

Their commander is Col. T. B. Hughes of Kansas City.

Both in Shanghai and Washington it was reiterated that the Marines had orders to protect American lives and possibly some American property, but would not defend the city.

**Not Take Sides In War**  
By John M. Hightower

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(P)—The United States served notice today that American Marines at Shanghai will protect American lives but will not take sides in the Chinese civil war.

This government thus erected another barrier against involvement in the conflict in which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek has appealed. "Thus far futilely, for increased American aid."

President Truman was asked at his news conference today whether he had any comment on the mission of Madame Chiang, who is here seeking help. He said he had none.

The state department re-affirmed its policy of political neutrality with respect to reported negotiations in Nanking for the formation of a coalition Chinese government which would replace Chiang's regime. The implication was that this government would not make any move to help keep the generalissimo in power.

State department press officer Michael McDermott told inquiring reporters that if there is talk of a coalition government in China it is the business of the Chinese and not of this government.

## The Weather

Fair and warmer Friday; Saturday increasing cloudiness with little change in temperatures; highs Friday 50 to 55.

## Four Killed In Airplane Crash

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 16.—(P)—The Greenville air force base reported four men were killed and three injured when a C-52 "Flying Boxcar" crashed in a field three miles south of the base this afternoon.

The names of the dead and injured were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

## Police Officers Reply to Labor Federation

Intervention of the Sedalia Federation of Labor into the dispute existing over the removal from duty of three Sedalia policemen by Chief of Police Edgar Neighbors and the resulting publicity has brought a reply from members of Police Union Local No. 122.

The three dismissed police officers are members of the local union. The Sedalia Federation of Labor in a regular meeting and by majority vote of delegates present adopted a motion that "the three police officers be reinstated without loss of pay and that their cases be handled in the proper manner as prescribed by the law governing such cases."

In reply to this intervention, Local 122 points out that its by-laws provide in Article 4, Sec. 2 that "grievance of any nature shall be presented to the executive board or business manager in writing and must be signed by person or persons." In the case of the three dismissed officers this was not done, the local claims.

In reply to the Sedalia Federation of Labor addressed to President Harry Hull, reads as follows:

**The Reply:**  
"December 14, 1918.  
"Mr. Harry Hull, President  
"Sedalia Federation of Labor,  
"515 East Eleventh street,  
"Sedalia, Missouri.

"Dear Mr. Hull — The members of the police Local Union No. 122, question the action of the Sedalia Federation of Labor regarding the recent dismissal of three members of this union from the police force.

"As we understand the relationship of the Federation and local unions, any action taken by the Federation in this matter should come from a request of the local itself, and not by non-members of this local.

"The three members in question had ample opportunity to present their grievance at the regular meeting of the local. No protest was registered, nor was a request made for representation by the union.

"Councilman Dick Keenan, who is a delegate to the Federation from the Electrical Workers, took the appeal directly to the Federation, and it was on his motion and argument, supported by Councilman Ira Knox, a delegate from the Railway Clerks, that the matter was presented for action. No investigation was made by the Federation as a body and we do not believe it was in a position to do so.

"The Police local has always cooperated with the Federation and we appreciate the cooperation we have received. We feel that the delegates present were ill advised and that no official action should have been taken by the Federation and in the absence of a legitimate request for assistance by the policemen's organization.

"Inasmuch as the Federation sent copies of its action to various interested people, we think it is proper that a copy of this shall be furnished in a like manner.

Fraternally yours, William Hatfield, P. A. Wensch, W. J. Dunham, Fred Swearingin, A. M. Clark, Harry Butler, L. H. Farness, Clarence Flewelling, Jesse Miller, Harrison Norris, Frank Gamber, Aubrey Jordan, Charles Ellis, Volvie Moore, A. C. Gardener, James Sisemore, Robert Knox, Norbert V. White.

## Message To Congress Jan. 5

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(P)—President Truman will deliver his state of the union message personally to a joint session of the new Congress Jan. 5.

He told his news conference today he will deliver the message at 1 p. m. (EST) (noon CST) that day.

Mr. Truman added that his decision to go before a joint session was reached after talks with vice president-elect Barkley and House Speaker Martin (R-Mass.).

President Truman said in response to questions that he will state his views on taxes, price controls, farm price supports, tidelands oil, and the St. Lawrence waterway, among other things.

Foreign policy will be dealt with in a separate message. His budget message will be sent to the capitol a few days after his personal appearance, and his annual message on the report of his Economic Advisory Council may go up in between the other two.

Mr. Truman warded off all questions as to his present views on taxes and price and commodity controls by saying they would be dealt with in his legislative recommendations to Congress.

Mr. Truman laughed with the crowd when asked whether he would veto a bill raising his own salary. He said he would not veto such a measure, but would distinctly understand he did not ask for it. He is more interested, he added, in getting raises for the vice-president and department and bureau heads.

## Opinion As To Spy Hunt Is Unchanged

**President Holds To View It "Only A Red Herring"**

By J. W. Davis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(P)—President Truman today stuck to his low rating of the congressional spy hunt, and the Justice department and the House investigators argued bitterly over alleged "bungling" in developing secret microfilm evidence.

This latest round of word warfare between the Truman administration and Republican members of the House un-American activities committee developed like this:

First, Mr. Truman told a White House news conference that the indictment of Alger Hiss, former state department official, on charges of perjury has not changed his opinion of the House inquiry. Thus it remains: He still thinks it is only a red herring.

Hiss pleaded innocent in New York today. He was accused of falsely swearing he did not give secret government documents to Whittaker Chambers, self-described former Communist agent.

**Declare Truman "Wrong"**  
Second, Reps. Mundt (R-SD) and Nixon (R-Calif) on the House committee said Mr. Truman has been and is still wrong in calling the probe a red herring "He's 100 per cent more wrong when he said it this time," said Mundt.

"Mr. Truman is on the hook," commented Nixon.

The "bungling" argument was set off by a Justice department official in New York who withheld the use of his name.

He said that the roll of microfilm recorded as evidence against the now famous "pumpkin papers" was ruined by a House committee investigator.

"So far the F. B. I. has been unable to produce what was on the (one roll of) film," the official said. "The bungling amateur investigator—and I use the word amateur advisedly—may have prevented the possible indictment of an entire wartime espionage ring."

This one of five rolls of film found in a pumpkin on Chambers' Maryland farm, the department official said, has "been exposed to such an extent that we fear it cannot be rehabilitated."

**Charge "Sneak Attack"**  
In Washington, the committee said in a statement that this is a "vicious sneak attack" and a "patent fabrication." Rep. Nixon called it a "falsehood with knowledge," intended to cover up lack of diligence by the department in the past.

The committee statement said that when Chambers took committee agents William Wheeler and Donald Appel to pumpkin hiding place, he told them that one cylinder of film had been smashed and he thought its contents would be worthless.

The committee noted further that the House group alone "provided the necessary documentary evidence which led to the breaking of this case and the indictment of one of the parties concerned."

Mr. Truman told his news conference that the attorney general for more than a year has been trying to tighten up espionage laws. He said it is a difficult thing to do, and at the same time stay within constitutional rights.

Before the news conference at the White House, there were these disclosures from the committee through the publication of copies of documents in the case:

(1) That as early as 1938 the U. S. was keeping tabs on Russian military movements in China.

(2) That non-secret but "valuable" diagrams of U. S. navy airplane devices fell into the hands of Chambers when he was a Communist agent.

(3) That the late Gen. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell believed a decade ago that the Chinese people lacked enthusiasm for their war with Japan because of mistreatment from their own troops.

(4) That a U. S. diplomat sent out a warning for American businessmen to go slow in putting their money into Japanese-dominated Manchuria. Among other reasons cited was the possibility of war between Russia and Japan.

The disclosures all came from the House committee as a part of its day-to-day release of copies from the stack of papers it got from Chambers. (All are dated 1937 or 1938.) Chambers in turn says he got them from Hiss and government sources supposed to keep them under lock and key.

## Santa Claus Is Coming to Town

Santa Claus is coming to town. The merry old man in the bright red suit has sent word to the Sedalia Chamber of Commerce that he will arrange his schedule of before Christmas visits so that he will be in Sedalia from 3 to 4:30 o'clock on the afternoons of Saturday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Tuesday afternoon his hours will be 2 to 4.

He is very pleased with the red chapel at the entrance of the court house and plans to spend his time while in Sedalia right there in front of it so the children will know where to find him.

All of the little folks from Sedalia and surrounding communities are invited by Santa to meet him in front of the court house and tell him what they want most for Christmas.

## Christmas Carol Festival Given

The first annual Christmas Carol Festival, under the auspices of the Queen City Choral, was given Thursday evening before a serious audience at the First Christian church with the following churches taking part, First Methodist, Congregational - Presbyterian, Sacred Heart and Evangelical and Reformed.

An organ and trumpet prelude opened the program at 7:00 o'clock. Miss Dorothy Ann Reed at the organ and Jimmy Watts trumpet, playing nineteen Christmas carols during the hour it was offered.

Choirs from the four churches, Smith-Cotton high school, Queen City Choral Club, entered the church through the main entrance, singing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" until the entire group of singers was seated.

Not only the represented choirs took part, but it was a program where everyone participated and enjoyed singing various Christmas carols. One of the most impressive parts of the program was the benediction given by Rev. J. E. Merrick, of Calvary Episcopal church, with the congregation humming softly, "Silent Night" in the background.

## Talk Part Of Camp Transfer

**Proposed Over 9,000 Acres For Vocation School**

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 16.—(P)—Final steps in the proposed transfer of a part of Camp Crowder to the University of Missouri were discussed today at a meeting of representatives of the school and the War Assets Administration.

Under the proposal more than 9,000 acres of land, with buildings, utilities and maintenance equipment will be transferred to the University at a 100 percent discount for use as a vocational school.

Today's session left the procedure in this stage:

The WAA regional staff is drawing up a quit-claim deed to the property. The deed, when completed, will be turned over to the University Board of Curators. It will then go to Leslie Cowan, executive vice-president of the university and then to the attorney-general for checking. It will then be returned to the board for final action.

Attending the session here were: Stratton Shartel, Kansas City, representing the board of curators; Quirk J. Bernard, WAA regional director; J. Walter Hopton, Neosho, Mo., city manager; Frank Reynolds, president of the Neosho Chamber of Commerce and Thomas R. Johnson, an attorney representing the city of Neosho.

The transfer will include 625 buildings, erected at a cost of \$67,800,000; 9,570 acres of land which cost \$516,372; utilities and other improvements, such as sewers and a water plant which originally cost \$10,509,000 and equipment such as fire trucks and snow plows, which cost \$53,293.

Originally Camp Crowder, signal corps training center, had 18,799 buildings with a capacity of 70,000 troops. The last of the block building up for disposal was sold today at Neosho. The 126 structures brought \$108,333.

One of the conditions under which the state legislature instructed the board to acquire the property was a stipulation that the transfer be completed by January 1, 1949.

**City Hall to Close For Two Hours This Morning**  
The city hall will be closed from 10 a. m. until 1 p. m. today that employees may attend the funeral of Mrs. Julian H. Bagby, whose husband is mayor of the city.

**Woodland Hospital Notes**  
Dismissed: Mrs. Harry Cannady and son, 107 North Missouri avenue.

Dismissed: Mrs. William Phillips of Ottaville; A. E. Powers, 1208 West Sixteenth street; Mrs. Josie Corman of Cole Camp; and Mrs. H. C. Wittman of Ottaville.

Admitted for medical treatment: Miss Myrl Love, 720 South New York avenue.

Admitted for medical treatment: Mrs. J. H. Schneider, Route 4, Sedalia, and Fred Rush, 409 East Fifth street.

Dismissed: Mrs. Raymond Findley and son, of Edwards.

**Marriage License Issued**  
Fred Felix, and Lula B. Alliga, both of Sedalia.

## Press Secretary Writes Of 'How Truman Did It'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(P)—The crowds that President Truman drew during his campaign "should have told the pollsters and other 'experts' something" his press secretary says in an article on "How Truman Did It."

Charles G. Ross, writing in the current issue of Collier's magazine, said the President's own firm belief in victory never wavered from the time of his nomination until the November ballots were counted.

He said act 1, scene 1 of the campaign drama took place in the President's office in mid-July shortly after the Philadelphia convention. Experts already were predicting defeat, but Mr. Truman told his staff:

"We are going to win. I expect to travel all over the country and talk at every whistle stop. We are going to be on the road most of the time from Labor Day to the end of the campaign. It's going to be tough on everybody, but that's the way it's got to be."

And Ross said: "I don't believe it stretches the truth to say that the election was won then and there."

The total distance traveled in the President's seven campaign trips was 21,923 miles. Ross said. Counting the June "non-political" junket the total was 31,473. During these trips the President made 351 speeches. One day he gave 16.

**Lot On "Slick Efficiency"**  
Ross said Mr. Truman's staff heard a lot about the "slick efficiency"

## Missourians Die In Plane Crash

MARSHALL, Tex., Dec. 16.—(P)—Two men were killed in the crash of a light plane two miles northeast of Marshall about 7:30 p. m. today.

Officers identified them from papers in their billfolds as Jack Hatfield of (630 Broadway), Joplin, Mo., and Milton H. Hatfield of Columbia, Mo.

The plane crashed into a brush-covered section, and skidded about 125 yards. It was partially burned. Officers said the pilot may have been trying to land in a nearby open field.

The crash occurred near Harleton, Tex. W. D. Jones, a resident of the section, told officers he saw the plane fly over in a southeasterly direction toward Marshall; then circle back, flying low and on fire.

Officers said the craft was Cessna 140. They were attempting to reach relatives of the men in Missouri.

## More Cash To The Farmers

**High Production Cost To Cut Net Income Under 1947**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(P)—Farmers will take in a little more money this year than last despite declining income in recent months; the agriculture department said today.

But their net income will not be as high as in 1947, the department said. This was attributed to higher production expenses.

The prediction of higher income in 1948 reverses earlier estimates that it would be slightly lower.

Recent declines, however, have not been great enough to offset gains earlier in the year.

The department estimated farmers' cash receipts in 1948 at around \$30,800,000,000. This compares with \$30,200,000,000 in 1947. It said the volume of marketing for the year will be a little lower than in 1947, but average prices for the year will be a little higher.

As the situation now stacks up, income from crops will be a little below last year. The gain in total income will result from an increase of about 5 percent in livestock and products.

Receipts from dairy products will be about 1 per cent higher. Milk production is down about 3 percent, but milk prices are averaging 12 per cent higher.

Receipts from poultry and eggs are estimated at about 5 percent higher. Prices of eggs and poultry are those of last year, especially in the case of turkeys.

Markings of tobacco are down, but not quite enough to offset higher prices. Receipts from fruits will be lower. Most of this is due to lower prices, since production is about the same.

**Bothwell Hospital Notes**  
Admitted for medical treatment: Bernie Sharper of Smithton.

Admitted for surgery: Donald Vanderlinen, 1405 East Fourth street.

Dismissed: Mrs. William Phillips of Ottaville; A. E. Powers, 1208 West Sixteenth street; Mrs. Josie Corman of Cole Camp; and Mrs. H. C. Wittman of Ottaville.

Admitted for medical treatment: Miss Myrl Love, 720 South New York avenue.

Admitted for medical treatment: Mrs. J. H. Schneider, Route 4, Sedalia, and Fred Rush, 409 East Fifth street.

Dismissed: Mrs. Raymond Findley and son, of Edwards.

**Woodland Hospital Notes**  
Dismissed: Mrs. Harry Cannady and son, 107 North Missouri avenue.

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**Marriage License Issued**  
Fred Felix, and Lula B. Alliga, both of Sedalia.

## Wreck Radio Towers Used By Soviets

**Two Tall Ones In Berlin Are Sent Crashing Down**

By Thomas A. Reedy

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—(P)—French engineers today blew up the giant transmission towers of radio Berlin but only silenced temporarily Soviet Russia's most powerful propaganda voice in Germany.

Twelve hours after dynamite brought the two tall towers crashing to earth in the French sector, Soviet commentator Heinz Schmidt was back on the air on the same wave length and apparently with the same broadcasting power.

Radio Berlin's personnel refused to say how they managed it, but German engineers said they might be using another tower at Potsdam.

Schmidt told his radio audience the day-long interruption of powerful Soviet broadcasting was caused by an "order from Washington," not by the French.

The French said they blew up the towers in their sector because they menaced American and British planes flying into nearby Tegel airport. The Russians had ignored a notice last month that the demolition would be carried out. Radio Berlin's studio is in the British sector.

**Protest Is Voiced**  
The Russian commander of Berlin, Maj. Gen. Alexander Kotikov, formally protested the French action, declaring the dynamiting was "illegal and arbitrary." He said he was not satisfied with explanations that the towers menaced aircraft planes.

The radio station was observing a brief pause in its schedule when the towers were dynamited. Apparently Soviet authorities were unable to set up alternate facilities at once since the station did not resume broadcasts at 11 a. m. (5 a. m. EST) when it was scheduled to do so.

Soviet officials at radio Berlin refused to say whether or not the station was permanently crippled. The Russians have a second tower outlet—the old Deutschlandsender station located about 15 miles southeast of the city.

The problem now confronting the Russians involves more than replacing just a pair of towers. Amplifying installations for the towers also were blown up. The equipment involved in such installations is one of the scarcest items in eastern Germany, regardless of the priority the Russians give to propaganda.

Today's dramatic action by the French illustrated how the split between the East and West is growing.

American and British oil men reported their companies will be put out of business in the Soviet zone of Germany next month. The Russians have organized a combine to take over the trade once handled by Standard, Shell and Olex (Anglo-Iranian) oil companies. In the event of outright expropriation it has not been disclosed what compensation would be granted. The changeover is effective Jan. 1.

**Dedication At New Orleans**  
Some foodstuffs originally scheduled to go to New Orleans now are to be routed to Philadelphia and Galveston, but a Christmas dedication "definitely will be held in New Orleans."

Individual state dedications in most southern states have been cancelled, but some of the commodities there will be trucked to nearest ports.

Sponsors said a total of 2,000 carloads still is expected, with corn leading the contributions and wheat and soybeans following in order.

The sponsors also announced activities of crop campaigns will be beamed to Europe, Latin America and the Far East through seven programs on Voice of America, beginning Dec. 20. The Voice of America is the state department's overseas radio service.

The crop trains said National Chairman John D. Metzler, is the greatest voluntary effort of its kind ever undertaken.

"It will symbolize the true Christmas spirit in a very tangible way."

"The bulk of the crop goods gets into the hands of children, widows, the aged and the ill. It reaches those who have no money to buy and who will receive relief through no other channels."

All trains are sponsored by the Christian rural overseas program—which, in turn, is supported by Catholic Rural Life (representing war relief services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference); Church World Service (representing 21 Protestant denominations); and Lutheran World Relief (representing the various Lutheran Synods).

In every state, all major agricultural organizations are cooperating.

Once the relief shipments reach their overseas destination, the goods are distributed through church channels solely on the basis of need, with no regard to race, religious, or political affiliation. Metzler said.

The jury further said it has been told Jan. 10 has been set as the date on which the gamblers will "open up."

The jury issued a statement asserting it had found instances where efforts were made by gamblers to lease premises in the county, with the openly-announced intention of opening their establishments.

The statement said: "The governor appoints no police board in St. Louis county. Regardless of the incoming state administration's attitude, as long as one circuit judge in St. Louis county has the courage and willingness to issue a search warrant or grant an injunction no gambling establishment can long operate in the county."

Smith was criticized as being "unduly slow" in repudiating the gamblers. The jury declared: "we shall shortly adjourn as an official body, but we shall remain vigilant, many, many others are alert and watchful citizens who intend to see that gambling stays out of St. Louis county."

As of now, the jury stated, there is "no organized commercial gambling" in the county and "no gangsters, underworld or vice interests" entrenched there.

**Program on Safety At Smith-Cotton**  
A program on safety was presented to the Junior High of Smith-Cotton Wednesday morning by two members of the State Highway Patrol, Sgt. Bob Davis and Patrolman Pete Stohr. Two movies were shown, one of the dangers of drunken driving and the other on the rules of safety for pedestrians.

Sgt. Davis then gave a talk on the rules that must be followed when driving. A discussion was held following the talk for those who had questions.

## Two Hundred Are Dead In Flood

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 16.—(P)—A cloudburst and flood, the heaviest recorded in Brazilian history today brought death to 200 persons, authorities announced, and left more than 1,000 injured and homeless.

Damage and casualties extended to an area of about 1,200 square miles in the southeast part of Minas Gerais state and northern Rio De Janeiro state.

## Gift Of Food For 43 Nations Is Generous

**Big Donations Delaying Some Of Christmas Trains**

By Alfred C. Hall

DAYTON, O., Dec. 16.—(P)—Americans laden with food and the Yuletide spirit flooded the Christmas trains for 43 nations with gifts today.

Officials of Christian rural overseas program said the outpouring of national generosity was so great that in a very short time must now be split into sections.

Many changes, they said, have been made in plans for assembling the Christmas trains.



## Motorists are Warned by The Fire Chief

Ordinance Orders Them to Stop When They Hear Sirens

Motorists during the past several days have become careless in paying attention to approaching fire trucks, and three times drivers of these vehicles nearly caused wrecks for the fire trucks. A warning to all drivers of motor vehicles has been issued by Fire Chief John G. Lueck, that any car which cuts in front of a fire truck, the driver will be arrested and prosecuted in the city police court.

A city ordinance compels motorists to pull to the curb and stop when they hear a siren of a fire truck, police car or ambulance, approaching.

Saturday several runs were made by the fire companies and twice cars pulled in front of the trucks, one while on a run to 1401 East Fifteenth street, the other while going to a fire on the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad right-of-way between Fifth and Sixth streets.

### Fire Runs Saturday

The first call Saturday was at 10:26 in the morning to the residence of L. P. Kelly, 1401 East Fifth street, where some scrap lumber had caught fire from a burning trash pile. Slight damage resulted.

At 10:35 o'clock they were called to 1314 East Twelfth street, residence of D. A. McMullen, where dry grass was burning. No damage resulted.

Burning grass at the residence of John R. Curry, 1615 West Third street, caused a run at 11:22 o'clock.

Burning scrap lumber at the residence of Virgil Maness, 1409 South Prospect avenue, at 11:35 o'clock caused another run. No damage resulted.

Grass which caught fire along the M-K-T right-of-way between Fifth and Sixth streets caused a run by the departments at 2:10 o'clock Saturday afternoon. No damage resulted.

## To Have Health Essay Contest

Announcement has been made through Dr. D. R. Edwards, secretary of the Pettis County Medical Society, of the sixteenth annual Health Essay Contest sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary to the Missouri State Medical Association.

This contest is open to all high school students in Missouri, and this year's topic will be "Private Practice versus Socialized Medicine." The essays must not exceed 1200 words, and the deadline for entrance into the contest is January 15, 1949. Awards will be a \$100 United States Savings Bond for first prize, a \$50 bond for second prize, and three third prizes of \$25 bonds, plus ten honorable mentions.

In addition to the regular statewide contest, the Pettis County Medical Association is offering awards totalling \$30 for the three best essays from Pettis county high school students. First prize will be \$15, second \$10, and third, \$5. The closing date for entrance in this county contest will be December 22.

Students desiring to enter the contest may obtain additional information from their high school principal.

## Check to Avoid Duplication

Mrs. G. P. Darnell, director of the Pettis County Welfare office, Second street and Lamine avenue, asks persons wanting to give Christmas gifts, baskets or otherwise, to check with her office, where names of indigent persons are listed to avoid duplication.

Individuals or organizations planning to make Christmas a little happier for a person or a family may obtain such names from this office.

So often, said Mrs. Darnell, one family will be given three or four baskets, or remembered by that number of persons or organizations, while other families, just as deserving, are forgotten. In some cases, she said, some persons or families make their needs known and so are remembered, while others whose need may be as great, or greater, hesitate to let anyone know their situation. Such persons, she said, are generally known to the members of her staff and their names can be given to someone who will remember them.

## Slight Damage Is Caused By Fire

The fire companies extinguished two small fires, Friday evening. One was at 8:00 o'clock at the residence of Janie Williams, 413 East St. Louis street. A box caught an outside water hydrant caught fire, causing slight damage to the box, but no damage to the house. Hot ashes in the box to keep a water pipe from freezing, was believed cause of the blaze.

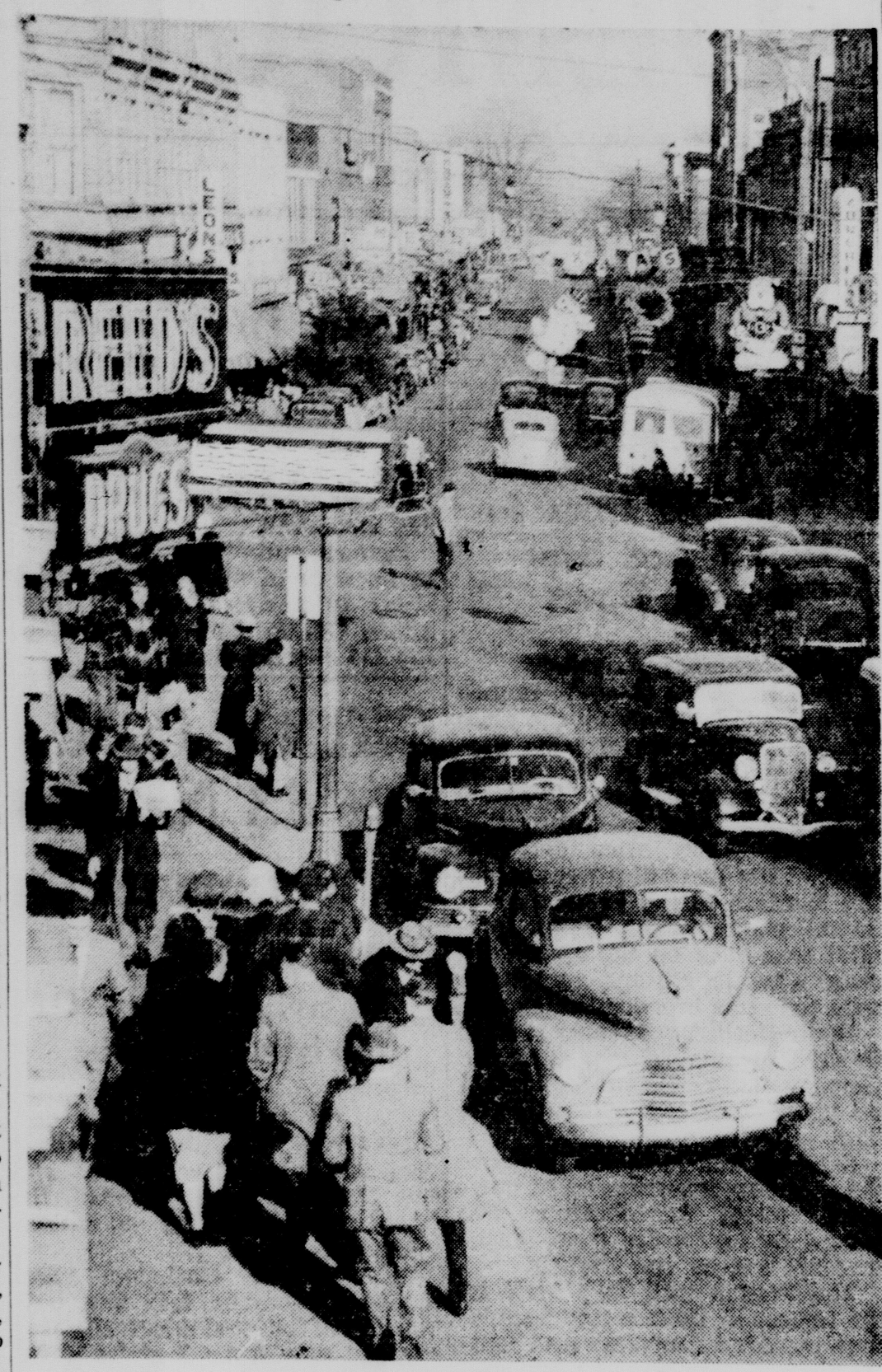
Burning grass in a vacant lot at Eleventh and Center avenue, occurring at 6:20 o'clock was extinguished and a report of no damage was given by the fire department.

### Slight Collision Of Car

Roy Pointer, Milner hotel, driving a 1946-Ford sedan, owned by Atlas Cab. and Mrs. Della Mae Guyman, 121 East Sixteenth street, driving a 1937 Chrysler sedan, collided at Sixteenth street and Ingram avenue, shortly after 3:00 o'clock, Saturday afternoon.

Slight damage resulting to both cars was settled between the two drivers.

## Busy Saturday in Sedalia



A scene on Ohio avenue, looking north from a location between Fourth and Third streets, taken Saturday morning. (Padgett Photo.)

## Boys Baseball League to be Reorganized

Northeast Athletic Club Plans a Full Summer Program

Plans for an improved and expanded Boys' Baseball League were the chief topic of discussion at a meeting of the Northeast Athletic Club at Jefferson school, Friday night. This club sponsors the Sedalia Blues and Junior Blues Baseball teams.

The Boys' League, which aroused much favorable comment in its first season, consisted of six teams of boys, 17 years old and under. During the past summer, games were played every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at Housel Park.

The Athletic Club is planning to expand this program next year, and hopes to have eight or ten teams in the league. They are asking that officers of any local schools, clubs or organizations that would be interested in organizing and managing a baseball team in this league, attend the next meeting. The public is also invited to attend and participate in the planning. Since the equipment is furnished by the Athletic Club, expansion of the league depends only upon addition of some groups who would organize and manage a team.

The Junior Blues were the Boys' League champions last year, and the Athletic Club discussed plans for a banquet honoring the team. The financial report was also discussed.

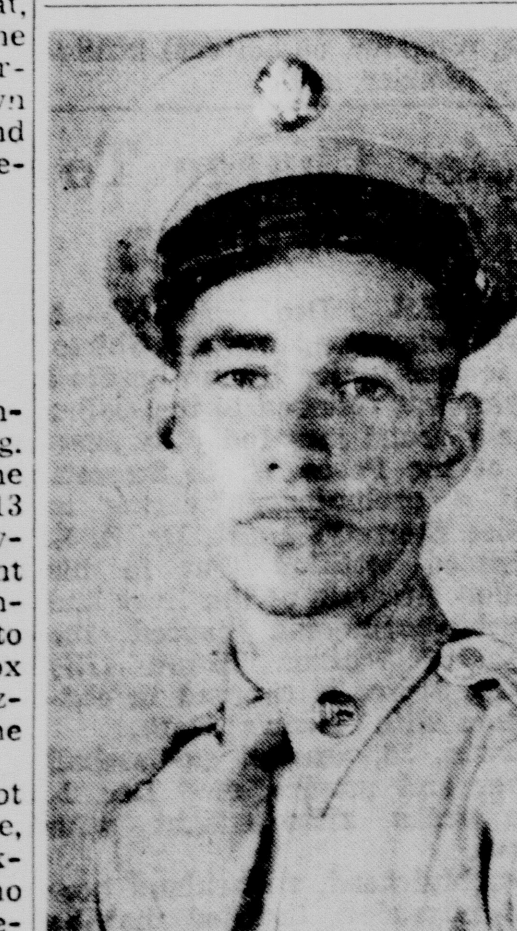
The baseball uniforms used by the Sedalia Blues last year were returned, and will be used for the Junior Blues team next year.

### Reports Lost Bill Fold

Mrs. Lon Kline, 22 West Seventh street, late last night reported to the police the loss of a brown bill fold, containing a sum of money. She believed it was lost in the downtown district.

### Taking Refresher Course

Private Ivan E. Mabry, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Mabry of 2107 South Missouri avenue, who reenlisted in the air corps, No. 29, is receiving his refresher course at Scott Force Air Base, Ill.



Pvt. Arthur I. Chancellor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chancellor, Route 2, Sedalia, who enlisted in service on May 27, 1948. He received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and is now stationed at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and is going to school for 32 weeks to become a radio operator. He will receive a Christmas furlough which he will spend with his parents.

## No Publication Democrat-Capital On December 26

In order that employees of the Sedalia Democrat and Capital may have a Christmas holiday, there will be no publication of the Sunday morning Democrat-Capital on December 26. To produce the Sunday paper the employees would have to work all or most of Saturday, Christmas.

The same situation will apply for the New Year's holiday. No Sunday Democrat-Capital January 2, 1949.

## Just Town Talk

A SEDALIA Gentleman WHOSE WIFE IS QUITE ACTIVE IN CIVIC AFFAIRS WENT TO THE TELEPHONE IN HIS CLUB THE OTHER DAY DROPPED IN A NICKEL AND CALLED THE GIRL SCOUT OFFICE AND ASKED FOR HIS WIFE BUT SHE WASN'T THERE

THEN HE CALLED THE RED CROSS OFFICE AND SHE WASN'T THERE EITHER TWO NICKELS WERE GONE THEN ALoud HE SAID "THERE IS JUST ONE MORE PLACE SHE COULD BE THAT'S THE HOSPITAL" AND HE WAS READY TO DROP IN THE THIRD NICKEL WHEN SOME ONE ASKED "DID YOU TRY CALLING HER AT HOME?"

A QUEER Expression CAME OVER HIS FACE "NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT" HE ADMITTED SO HE USED THE THIRD NICKEL TO CALL HIS HOME AND THERE SHE WAS AND HE CAN'T NOW EXPLAIN WHY HE DIDN'T CALL THERE FIRST I THANK YOU

### Name Supt. For Buena Vista

Members of the Pettis County Association for Social Service, Incorporated, operating the Buena Vista Home for the aged, held their regular monthly meeting Saturday afternoon in the assembly room of the court house.

All eleven board members were present, and also, Mrs. G. P. Darnell, of the welfare office, and Judge J. V. Kesterson of the county court. President of the association, Harry E. Lindstrom, presided.

It was voted to employ Mrs. Ethel M. Knele, a nurse, as superintendent of the Home with Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Bassee, former Sedalians, more recently of Ottumwa, as assistants.

Mrs. Knele, who has been living in Kansas City, is a former Sedalian, and when here resided at 664 East Thirteenth street. She has a son, Eldon DeMott, residing here.

Plans were made for a Christmas program to be held at Buena Vista Home at 2:30 o'clock Christmas afternoon.

### Married Saturday Night

Miss Delora McKee and Russell Utterback, both of Marshall, were married Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock in a single ring ceremony, at the Fifth Street Methodist church, Fifth street and Osage avenue, by the Rev. H. U. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thomas of Marshall were the couple's attendants.

## Globetrotters Beat Windsor; Gremlins Win

More Than 500 See Two Games; Windsor Easy for Trotters

Something new in basketball entertainment was seen at Liberty Park Friday night when the Harlem Globetrotters, Negro quintet from Chicago, played the Windsor Raiders on Convention Hall court. The Trotters defeated the Raiders by a score of 56 to 31. In the preliminary game between Sacred Heart Gremlins and Smithton High school of the P. C. A. A., the Sedalia aggregation defeated Smithton 37 to 27.

The Globetrotters started off in playing straight basketball and kept this up until they had a safe margin to "play-around with" and then the exhibition of handling the ball, trick shots, and fancy floor work was put on. It confused the Raiders, but they displayed some real sportsmanship in playing this world-wide known team. The Windsor players worked hard to score and they did make some right good shots themselves.

The visitors from Chicago gave the crowd of more than 500 persons some real entertainment and a lot of laughs. The Raiders also furnished some laughs when they became confused at the manner in which their opponents were playing the game. However, the game was a real workout for Windsor who are just getting started in the 1948-49 season and are expected to be stiff competition with independent teams in this area for the next several weeks.

### Gremlins Beat Smithton

Sacred Heart Gremlins have not been enjoying victories and their losing streak was snapped when they displayed some neat floor work in the preliminary game in which they defeated Smithton. Smithton players also played a good game but were not as fast on their feet as the Sedalia group.

The Gremlins grabbed an early lead in the contest and never was passed by their opponents.

Jesse Owens, Negro, Olympic track champion, was a visitor at the game as master of ceremonies in the introduction of the players of the Globetrotters and Raiders. He also introduced the two prize winning champions who gave an exhibition at the half-time period of the feature case event.

The ping pong exhibition was given by Doug Cartland, Open U. S. champion, and Harry Cook, former U. S. title holder and holder of the Canadian championship.

The Globetrotters were pleased with the reception of their basketball squad and indicated they wanted to come back to Sedalia during the basketball season with their ball club.

**Windsor Raiders**  
Allen f..... 4 0 0 4  
Bates f..... 2 0 0 8  
Miller f..... 1 0 0 2  
Beaucamp g..... 2 0 0 4  
Wille g..... 1 0 0 2  
Hart g..... 0 0 0 0  
Pogue g..... 2 0 1 6  
Pinkney g..... 2 1 0 5  
Adair..... 0 0 0 0  
Totals..... 13 1 2 31

**Globetrotters**  
King f..... 4 0 0 8  
Robinson f..... 4 0 0 8  
Clifton f..... 7 0 0 14  
Crumland f..... 3 0 0 6  
Presley f..... 3 0 0 6  
Moore..... 3 0 0 10  
Totals..... 28 0 2 56

**Sacred Heart**  
Fall f..... 5 1 4 11  
Faxon f..... 1 1 0 3  
Staley f..... 1 1 3 3  
Lahus c..... 1 3 0 5  
Menefee c..... 0 0 0 0  
Mehl g..... 2 0 2 4  
Allgaier g..... 3 1 1 11  
Totals..... 15 7 10 37

**Smithton**  
Martin f..... 2 1 2 5  
Young f..... 2 1 3 5  
Crandall f..... 1 0 2 2  
Merk c..... 1 0 3 2  
Wagonknecht g..... 0 0 0 0  
DeWitt g..... 0 0 1 0  
Birdsong g..... 0 0 1 0  
McLaughlin g..... 6 1 2 13  
Totals..... 12 3 14 27

Score: Sacred Heart 18 at half.

Smithton 10 at half.

Officials: Dow and Glavin.

### Two Cases in Magistrate Court

Two persons charged with misdemeanors were fined in Magistrate court, Saturday. Willard L. Bass, Jr., of Pettis county was fined \$20 and costs on a charge of obtaining money by failure to disclose facts. Since December 5, 1947, the defendant was charged with drawing unemployment compensation for the three weeks, ending, December 7-14 and 21 in 1947, a total of \$49.50.

He failed to disclose to Harold Barnes, an agent of the Division of Employment Security of the state of Missouri, that he was employed by Ferguson Construction Company at the time he drew unemployment compensation.

Perry A. Brooks of Marshall was fined one dollar and cost for driving a 1948 Dodge sedan without a drivers license.

### Traffic Case

Delmar H. Brown, R. F. D. No. 4, Sedalia, driver of a stripped down model A Ford car which overturned at Engineer avenue and Tower street, Friday afternoon, failed to appear in police court Saturday and his \$25 cash bond was ordered forfeited.

### Mrs. George Jonson, 217 West Seventh street, who was riding in the car with Brown and her husband, received minor injuries.

### Find Door Unlocked

A south door at the Freese and Rissler Dairy, 100 South Prospect avenue, was found unlocked by the police Friday night.

## Another Dog Poisoned On Friday Night

The fox terrier of the children of Assistant Chief of Police N. V. White and Mrs. White, 1920 South Lamine avenue, was poisoned by someone Friday night. The dog was found across the street from their home in a vacant lot.

Again attention is called to a reward fund being held by the Sedalia Bank and Trust Co., to be paid to the person or persons who furnish information which might lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who have been placing poison out for dogs.

## Personals

E. L. Sievers, contractor, was in Kansas City Saturday on business and also attended the 40th anniversary of Brown-Strauss Steel Corporation.

Mrs. George E. Crews of Tulsa, Okla., and John W. Palmer, Jr., of St. Louis, are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Palmer, 901 South Vermont avenue. Mrs. Crews will be joined by Mr. Crews on Monday for the holidays.

Thomas B. Ortwig, employed in St. Louis as designing engineer for the Kearney Electric Co., will return to that city tonight after spending the weekend with his family at 1523 South Snead avenue. Ortwig was formerly employed by the Missouri Public Service Corporation here.

Mrs. G. P. Darnell, 700 West Fifth street, returned Friday night from St. Louis where she spent the week. Mrs. Darnell accompanied her cousin, John McGrath, who went to St. John's hospital for an examination. Mrs. McGrath remained at the hospital and will probably return home the last of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Tolen and son, Gary Bill, of Fort Scott, Kas., are visiting Mrs. Tolen's brothers, Leo Sullivan of 1400 South Kentucky avenue and Emmet Sullivan of 1105 West Third street, over the week end.

Miss May McGrath, of Albuquerque, N. M., has arrived for a visit with her brother, John McGrath and family, 700 West Fifth street.

Miss Rebekah Shaeffer, Mrs. T. L. Nolin and Mrs. J. P. Wright, all of Columbia, came to Sedalia Saturday to attend the D. A. R. party at the home of Miss Shaeffer's sister, Mrs. Frank Leach, 522 West Seventh street. They are all members of the D. A. R. and remained over the week-end as house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leach. Mrs. Wright is the president of the Columbia Garden Club.

## Holiday Party At Moon Home

The Oak Grove Home Economics Extension club met Thursday afternoon for its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Elsa Moon, with Mrs. H. A. Wilson as assisting hostess. The home was decorated throughout with Christmas decorations, the center of which was a Christmas tree.

The devotion "The Christmas Story" was given by Mrs. Clifford Mawhorter and Mrs. O. F. Gorrell.

Mrs. H. A. Wilson was in charge of the following program:

Song, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," by Group.

Poem, "Is There a Santa Claus?" — Mrs. W. H. Sperber.

"Christmas Customs" — Mrs. Clifford Mawhorter.

"The Children Came" — Mrs. Edgar Neighbors.

"Christmas Bells" — Mrs. A. A. Romig.

"Spirit of Christmas" — Mrs. O. F. Gorrell.

"Christmas Prayer" — Mrs. E. L. Sievers.

Song, "Silent Night" — By Group.

Mrs. Wilson led the group in playing several games appropriate to the Christmas season.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses to the members and visitors.

At the conclusion of the meeting gifts were exchanged by sunshine pals. Names were also drawn for 1949 Sunshine Pals.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. W. C. Mewes January 6 at 1:00 p. m. at which time they will have a dessert luncheon.

### Woodland Hospital Notes

Dismissed: Mrs. Marvin Kueck, 1315 East Broadway and Mrs. O. E. Evans, 1900 South Prospect avenue.

### Bothwell Hospital Notes

Admitted for medical treatment: Miss Eunice Semkin, 902 East Boonville.

Admitted for surgery: Mrs. Harry Shoemaker, 322 North Grand avenue and Mrs. Millard Edmondson, Green Ridge.

Admitted for medical treatment and dismissed: Miss Jane Higgins, Warsaw.

Dismissed: Mrs. Lester Powell and son, Hughesville; Mrs. Ervin Kriessler and daughter, Cole Camp and Mrs. Robert Hawkins, 310 East Tower street.

### Collision Of Cars One Pays For Damage

Virgil Lee Rasa, 1710 South Ohio avenue, driving a 1934 Ford coupe north on Osage avenue, and Leo J. Coxon, 507 West Seventh street, going east on Fourth street, collided Saturday night at 9:30 o'clock.

Slight damage resulted to the cars. After considerable debate over the fault of the collision, Rasa gave Coxon enough money to repair a right rear fender, and then the two drivers left just as a police car drove up to investigate the collision.

### Floods Along Coast

COOS BAY, Ore., Dec. 11—(P)—Floods swept along Oregon's coastal rivers today. High waters and slides blocked highways. Two lives were lost.

## Bids on 136.6 Miles Hi-way Opened Jan. 4

Bids on 136.6 miles of state highway improvements covering 44 projects in 19 counties totaling approximately \$2,350,000, will be received by the State Highway Commission, January 4.

Eighty-eight miles of the total submitted are a part of the supplementary (farm-to-market) system, while the balance of 48.6 miles is a part of the major system of state highways.

A portion of the work on U. S. Route 275 in Buchanan County, heretofore advertised and rejected, is included in the list of projects submitted. The work is a bridge section over Blacksnake Creek and the Chicago, Great Western Railroad near St. Joseph.

### Other Projects

Other projects on the major system include 6.2 miles of grading and 24 foot portland cement concrete pavement on U. S. Route 40 in Warren County from a point 2 miles east of the Montgomery County line, east through Warrenton; the resurfacing with asphaltic concrete of the 20 foot pavement on U. S. Route 66 in Laclede County, from a point approximately 2 miles north of Conaway through Lebanon and the widening of the shoulders of the heretofore resurfaced section of U. S. Route 166 between Sarcosie and Mount Vernon.

The county, route, mileage, type of improvement and location include:

### Division 4

Pettis—Route N. 1.4 miles of grading and surfacing. From Route J east to Route O.

Pettis—Route O, 9.0 miles of grading and surfacing, and a bridge over Muddy Creek, Route N, southerly to Beaman.

Ray—Route B, 9.7 miles of grading, surfacing, double concrete box culvert at Millstead Creek and a bridge over East Fork, Crooked River, Extending Route B to the Caldwell County line.

## Given Gold Star Christmas Party

Christmas season for thirty-five children of Pettis county, whose fathers were killed in the last war was enlightened at a Gold Star Christmas party, given by the American War Dads of Pettis County Chapter 31, and its Auxiliary, Friday night at the K of P Hall.

Each one of the Gold Star children received (and others who were unable to attend will receive) a Christmas treat of candy, nuts, etc., and a certificate worth five dollars in merchandise at J. C. Penney company.

Mrs. Phil Burford was chairman of the party. Mrs. Oma Burk was Gold Star chairman. Mrs. Burford told the children various Christmas stories, and before and after Christmas carols were sung by everyone there.

Gold Star children at the party were: Jimmy Anderson, Junior Maylor, Ralph Naylor, Annadell Naylor, Peggy Naylor, Barbara Kelly, Billy Kelley, Dick Wells, Sara Wells, Larry Ellis, Cleo Funnell, and Evelyn Funnell.

E. W. Schultz, president of the Pettis county chapter closed the program by wishing everyone there a Merry Christmas.

### Marriage License Issued

Franklin D. Maltzberger, Cole Camp, and Ruby F. McGrady, Lincoln.

Alfred W. Straka, and Betty Jean Randolph, both of Kansas City.

Charles Wilkinson, Richmond, Mo., and Thelma Roberts, Sedalia.

Forrest R. Null and Audrey Marie Phiefer, both of Windsor.

### Ten Paid Fines

Ten overtime parking violators failed to appear in police court Saturday morning and Judge Harry O. Berry ordered their cash bonds of one-dollar each forfeited.

### Money Into Christmas Kettle



Donald S. Lamm, left, a member of the Salvation Army board, drops the first check for \$25 into the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle, on Ohio avenue and the first light on the tree is lighted. The check was a donation to the Army from a citizen who preferred to remain anonymous. Every time the \$25 is collected another light is lighted on the tree. The money will be used for Christmas baskets and giving Christmas cheer to needy families and a party for the children. Captain A. R. Rush looks on and at his left is R. A. Malone, who turned on the light. (Padgett Photo.)

## SMITH-COTTON HIGH SCHOOL

Basketball Schedule		
1948-1949		
Date	Opponent	Place
Dec. 14	Marshall	There
Dec. 17*	Hannibal	Here
Jan. 7*	Jeff City	There
Jan. 11	Warrensburg	There
Jan. 14*	Kemper	Here
Jan. 15*	Columbia	There
Jan. 21*	M. M. A.	Here
Jan. 25*	Marshall	Here
Jan. 28*	Hannibal	There
Jan. 29*	M. M. A.	There
Feb. 1	College High	Here
Feb. 2-3-4-5	Clinton Trn.	Here
Feb. 8*	Jeff City	There
Feb. 11*	Kemper	There
Feb. 15*	College High	There
Feb. 18*	Columbia	Here
Feb. 25	Sub Reg. Tour'n't.	

\*Denotes Conference game.

## Sedalia Lions Set Dates for Cage Tourney

Invitational Meet For Sixteen Picked Teams in Missouri

The Sedalia Lions second annual Missouri Independent Basketball championship tournament, is to be held at Convention Hall, Liberty Park, the last week of January. The tournament opens on January 25 and runs through Saturday night, January 29.

Circular letters have been sent to more than 100 independent basketball teams throughout the state and already answers have been received by W. C. Ream, of the entrance committee. However, the Lions are holding the tournament to sixteen teams, inviting the teams having the best records of the past year and their record of the present season up to and including the middle of January.

### Various Awards Listed

Lloyd Phillips, general chairman of the tournament, announced he expected some of the best teams in Missouri to come to Sedalia from requests already being made on the tournament plan. He also announced the awards to the winning teams: first place team to receive \$200; second place, \$125; third place, \$75; and fourth place, \$50.

Entries for the tournament are \$10 for each team with a forfeit check in the amount of \$25. The forfeit check is returned to each team as they complete their games played in the tournament, however, should they fail to continue play in the tournament and fulfill their contract the check would be forfeited.

### Build Strong Tourney

In addition to the prize money, trophies will be awarded to the members of the All-Star team, outstanding players, etc.

The Lions Club is endeavoring to make Sedalia one of the sports centers in basketball and in hopes of building up one of the strongest independent tournaments in Missouri.

### Holiday Revenue At Theater

Peggie Hewitt, dance instructor throughout Missouri, will present a group of her students in a "Holiday Revue" Tuesday night on the stage of the Liberty Theater.

Miss Hewitt, who is a member of the Dance Masters Association of America, currently conducts classes at Sacred Heart School in Sedalia, as well as in Jefferson City and at Kemper Military Academy at Boonville.

### Ten Paid Fines

Ten overtime parking violators failed to appear in police court Saturday morning and Judge Harry O. Berry ordered their cash bonds of one-dollar each forfeited.

### Club Members All Exchanged Gifts

The High Point Home Makers held their Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Frank Eck. Twelve members answered roll call which was "What Can We Do To Improve Our Club." Mrs. Dick Jenkins accepted the office of treasurer.

Members received their new year books, which will be filled out at the next meeting. Mrs. W. B. Lehmer joined the club with Mrs. E. E. Shirley, Mrs. William Shutt, Mrs. Long and Mrs. W. Moery, visitors.

After a short business meeting, all exchanged gifts with treats for the children. Games were enjoyed.

After refreshments the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. M. F. Houk, January 5.

### Fewer Debits to Deposit Accounts



Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hastings, of Coffeyville, Kansas, announce the marriage of their daughter, Charlotte Lynn, to Mr. Norwood Lickley, son of Mrs. Hazel Lickley, of Sedalia, Missouri.

The couple were married November 25th, 1948, at 7:00 p. m. in the home of Dr. R. C. Williams, son of Kansas City, retired minister of the Congregational-Presbyterian church of Sedalia.

Their only attendants were the bride's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Muri D. Black, of Kansas City, Kansas. The bridegroom is at home at 3105A Strong Ave., Kansas City, Kansas.

Mrs. C. R. Bothwell and Mrs. J. C. McLaughlin were winners in bridge and Mrs. Victor Scott and Mrs. George H. Trider in Mah Jongg at the Thursday luncheon event at the Country Club.

There will be no Thursday events for the women until the first Thursday in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Jolly P. Hurtt, 1506 South Vermont avenue, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 19, with open house from 3:00 to 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurtt have two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Dougherty of Denton, Tex., and Mrs. Virgil Gilbert, of Kansas City, and one son, C. W. Hurtt, of Sedalia, all of whom, with their families, will be with their parents for their anniversary.

Mr. Hurtt is a linotype operator on the Sedalia Democrat.

Miss Maxine Kroenke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kroenke, 130 East Twenty-fourth street, became the bride of Mr. Billy Thomas, son of Mrs. Blanche Thomas, 920 West Second street, Friday night, December 10, at a pretty ceremony at the Gospel Tabernacle church.

Twenty-fourth street and Ohio avenue. The pastor, the Rev. E. T. Kelley, read the wedding service before an altar setting of flowers, ferns and white candles.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a suit of aqua blue shade with black accessories and white mitts. Her corsage was of white carnations.

Miss Jo Ann Kroenke, her sister's only attendant, wore a street length dress of blue with black accessories and black mitts. Her corsage was of red carnations.

Mr. Oliver Thomas, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man.

Mrs. Kroenke, mother of the bride, was attired in blue with a corsage of red carnations and Mrs. Thomas, mother of the bridegroom, wore blue with a corsage of red carnations.

Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Mae Moser played: "At Dawning" and "Sweet Mysteries of Life," and Mrs. E. T. Kelley sang: "Because" and "I Love You Truly," with Mrs. Moser at the piano.

Mrs. Wilford Acker and Mrs. J. M. Palmer were hostesses at a Christmas dinner and party for the members of the Green Ridge Garden club at their homes in Green Ridge on Tuesday, December 7. Assisting hostesses were: Mrs. F. E. Helman, Mrs. Carl Johnson, Mrs. J. A. Gordon, Mrs. Roy Ragar and Mrs. George Spickert.

The guests assembled at the home of Mrs. Acker at 11:30 o'clock where they were led in group singing by Mrs. A. N. Baker with Mrs. Russell Miller at the piano. At 12:00 o'clock the group assembled at the home of Mrs. Palmer where they were served dinner. The home was decorated in the yule tide colors of red and green with the exception of the center piece for the large dining table which was blue and silver. There were 38 persons seated for the dinner including the following guests: Miss Marjorie Minor, Mrs. George Paige and Mrs. E. C. Vogelbaum. After dinner the group retired to the home of Mrs. Acker where the business meeting and program was held. The president, Mrs. J. M. Palmer presided at a short business meeting.

Mrs. Palmer opened the meeting by reading a short article of prose, "The Song of Christmas." She also announced that she had hopes of organizing a junior Garden Club some time in the near future.

The program chairman, Mrs. Harley Williams, introduced Mrs. E. H. Boltz who spoke on Home Made Christmas Decorations and displayed some that she had made.

Mrs. George Paige judged the Christmas packages and for the most attractively wrapped package, Mrs. C. M. Purchase, first; Mrs. Roy Calvert, second and Mrs. J. A. Gordon was in charge of the gift exchange and each person drew a tag and matched from a crystal bowl and matched the ribbon to that tied on a package.

Miss Erma Whallen judged the potted plants and specials.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merriott, 230 South Quincy avenue, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 5, with open house during the afternoon at which there were about 75 guests.

The table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with a wedding cake with a miniature bride and bridegroom on top. On either side were white candles tied with yellow bows. There were two large baskets of yellow flowers, one of yellow roses, the other of yellow chrysanthemums and roses and a large potted African violet in bloom.

Mr. and Mrs. Merriott had with them for the day their sons, Earl Merriott and wife of Hope, Kas., and Donald Merriott and wife of Independence, their two daughters Mrs. Lawrence T. Pauley, of Kansas City, Kas., and Mrs. Earl Holly and their grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kays, of Independence.

Serving in the dining room were: Mrs. Pauley, Mrs. Holly, Mrs. Donald Merriott, Mrs. Earl Merriott and Mrs. Kays.

Guests from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Kirby and

their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kirby and daughter, Mrs. Ruby Brown, all of Nevada; Mrs. Merriott's sister, Mrs. Mabel Naylor, Versailles, who was the only person at the golden wedding who was at the wedding 50 years ago; Mrs. I. Felesburg, Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holly, Warsaw; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ray, Warsaw; Mrs. Pauline Jones, Marshall; Mrs. Tony Bacon, Marshall and Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Warren and daughters, Carol and Janice, of Marshall.

Mrs. Merriott was Miss Hester Kirby, daughter of Joel and Margaret Kirby and was married on December 4, 1898 near Versailles at the home of the bride's parents and immediately afterward went to church. Mr. Merriott is retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Merriott received many nice anniversary gifts.

Miss Clara Mae Curry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Curry of Longwood, became the bride of Mr. Billy Joe McKenzie, grandson of Mrs. Leota McKinzie, of Houston, at 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening, December 4. The Rev. Luther Kirk read the single ring service at the Perrytown Methodist District parsonage at Perrytown, Tex.

The bride wore a two-piece dress of royal blue gabardine with black accessories and her corsage was of red roses.

Mrs. Billy Sewell, of Perrytown, Tex., the bride's only attendant, was attired in a two-piece rayon gabardine dress of medium blue shade with a corsage of white carnations.

Mr. Billy Sewell served as best man.

A buffet dinner was served at 7:00 o'clock following the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Gidley, 22 South Date street, Perrytown, Tex., to 15 guests. An arrangement of red roses centered the dining room table.

Mr. McKinzie is a painter. The couple are now at home in the Anderson apartment at Perrytown, Tex.

A Christmas party in the form of a dinner at the Old Missouri Homestead, was enjoyed at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening by members of the local branch of letter carriers, their wives, families and friends.

The table decorations were in keeping with the Christmas theme and during the dinner the organist played Christmas carols and other selections.

John Hall, toastmaster for the evening and retiring president, introduced James Meyers, incoming president.

Mr. Hall then introduced Postmaster E. P. Mullaley, Guy Johnston, assistant postmaster; E. E. Brummet, supervisor of mail, and two retired carriers, Harvey Hale, who has been retired 12 years and Arthur Smith, who has been retired 11 years, all of whom made talks.

Special guests at the dinner were: Postmaster and Mrs. Mullaley, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brummet, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mrs. Harry L. Hamm, whose husband, a letter carrier, died several years ago; Miss Ruth Myers, Miss Pauline Gramlich, Miss Pauline Champ Richardson, president of the auxiliary, expressed her appreciation for the cooperation which was given her by the group.

The dinner was attended by 48 members and guests.

Miss Genevieve Repper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto S. Repper, of Ottaville, became the bride of Dr. Gale R. Richardson of Clarksville, Pennsylvania, in an informal wedding ceremony performed by Rev. Walter S. Strickland at St. Paul's Lutheran church, Sedalia, on Sunday afternoon, November 28, 1948.

The bride wore a powder blue crepe dress with gold accessories and carried a white prayer book. She wore an orchid corsage.

Mrs. James Hein, of Minnesota, sister of the groom, was Matron of Honor. She wore a black crepe dress and black accessories. Her corsage was red roses.

Orville Repper, brother of the bride, was best man.

The bride's mother wore a black crepe dress and black accessories. Her corsage was yellow roses.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The lace-covered table was decorated with yellow and white chrysanthemums and crystal candleholders bearing long tapers. The bride cut the first piece of the three-tiered wedding cake, serving it to her husband. The bride's sister, Mrs. Donald Benson of Kansas City, then took over and cut the cake for the guests. The coffee was poured by Mrs. Dorothy Heim and Mrs. Paul Repper served the punch. Ice cream and mints were also served.

The couple left for St. Louis, where Dr. Richardson was to attend the American Medical Association convention, after which they are to depart for a honeymoon at an undisclosed place. The couple will make their home at Clarksville, Pa., where Dr. Richardson has his practice.

Sunday, December 5, Miss Adele Lingle, who is to become the bride of Mr. Clark Jones, December 18, was honored with a breakfast at the Bothwell Hotel Palm room by Mrs. Mae Kirby and Mrs. Maredine Marshall.

Guests were: Miss Lingle, Mrs. Harold Hill, Mrs. Kenneth Clark, Mrs. Lowell Amos, Miss Marion Lottenburger, Mrs. Tommie Cooper, Mrs. James T. Turner, Mrs. Harold B. Turner, Mrs. Willis Javis, and Miss Hazel Kirkpatrick.

Those invited, but were unable to attend were: Jean Heisterberg and Mrs. Leroy Dent.

Carol Edwina Carroll, of 519 West Third street, who observed her fourth birthday anniversary on Wednesday, December 8, was the honor guest at a birthday dinner given at Miller's Dining Room that evening.

A large birthday cake was a feature of the dinner. Later in the evening neighbors came to Carol's home to help her celebrate. Those present were:

John H. Rose and daughter, Miss Betty Rose, Mr. and Mrs. A. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Reiniger, Miss Louise Koerper, Mrs. Lena Klein, Carol's grandmother, Mrs. Freda K. Holder and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carroll.

All sang the Happy Birthday song to Carol.

Carol received many nice gifts.

The LaMonte Garden Club was entertained in the home of Mrs. R. V. Lambert, Tuesday afternoon. The home was decorated with many beautiful Christmas arrangements of greens and brightly colored balls and candles. Old familiar carols, softly played made a pleasing background for the program, the subject being "Christmas, Old and New." The hostess had a beautiful decorated Christmas tree which fitted in with the program.

The Christmas story as recorded in "Luke's Gospel" was read by Mrs. Mary Ellis, and "Christmas Customs of Other Lands" and "The Legend of the Christmas Tree" was also discussed by Mrs. Ellis.

Mrs. Mollie Shaw gave information on kinds of Christmas trees and identifying characteristics of our most common varieties.

Mrs. C. N. Moore told of the authors and the story connected with the writing of some of the old carols, and also of Christmas songs lately produced that have caught the fancy of the American public.

Mrs. James Gardner, illustrated the descriptions by playing the songs as the stories of their production were related. A table set with china and glassware of grandmother's day was displayed in contrast to a modern service, arranged on the buffet for an informal Christmas supper.

The next meeting will be January 4 at the home of Mrs. Paul Moore, with Mrs. Jessie Cane, Mrs. Ida King and Mrs. C. E. Terry, program committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rottler and son of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Lena Rottler and Mary Ann Rottler were Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson and sons of Vallejo, Calif. All are former Sedalians.

Members of the Calvary Episcopal church are having a reception in the Parish Hall, from 3:00 until 5:00 o'clock, this afternoon, as a farewell for Mr. and Mrs. Don Tuggle, who are moving to Joplin.

Mr. Tuggle, who is with the General Food Sales Co., is being transferred to Joplin. He is leaving this evening and Mrs. Tuggle and children, Dean and Neal, will not go until after they have disposed of their home at 903 South Grand avenue.

The annual Christmas party of the employees of the Kresge store was held Monday night at the home of Miss Loujane Ritchey, 129 East Walnut street.

Games were played during the evening, after which Jerry Fox, ten year old son of Mrs. Connie Fox, appeared as Santa Claus and distributed the gifts. When all of the gifts had been opened, the hostess, who will be married some time in the early part of the new year, was asked to sit down in the middle of the floor and was then presented with a gift from the group.

Those attending were Mrs. Roy Hains, Mrs. Forrest Rumsey, Mrs. L. E. Graham, Mrs. Paul Mines, Mrs. Bud Witcliff, Mrs. Hollis Hickman, Mrs. Kenneth Cook, Mrs. Kenneth Hinken, Mrs. Joe Maddox, Miss Crystal Morris, Miss Marian Norton, Miss Lucille Laxton, Miss Ramona Henderson, Miss Marjorie Shoemaker, Mrs. Connie Fox, Miss Alberta Thomas and Jerry Fox.

Miss Ritchey was assisted in serving by her mother, Mrs. H. F. Ritchey, and her sister, Miss Irene Ritchey.

## Installation Of Job's Daughters

Installation of Job's Daughters was held Wednesday night at the Masonic Temple with an impressive ceremony.

The installation took place before a purple curtain forming a background for a canopy of purple and white crepe paper, with a neon sign of the Job's Daughters emblem, given to the organization by Harry Collins and John Zulauf, beneath canopy.

The program follows:  
Vocal solo, "Open the Gates," Ella Dee Runge.  
Welcome to guests.

Opening of Bethel—Guardian, Frances Rudd.  
Presentation of Bible—Jo Ellen Thornton; escorts, Sandra Ryan, De Ann Rodgers; "Bless This House," Vanda White; accompanist, Dorothy Ann Reed.

Presentation of American Flag—Flag bearer, Shirley Wilson; Tribute, Geneva Cramer; Escort, Sherry Edwards.

Presentation of Job's Daughter Flag—Flag bearer, Ruth Ann Botts; Tribute, Delores Turner; Salute, Janet Seaberg.

Installation of Bethel Officers, installing officers—Grand Guardian, Winifred Ann Graham, retiring queen; Grand Guide, Vivian McAttee; Past Honored Queen, Grand Marshal, Mary Jo Vilmer, Past Honored Queen; Grand Pianist, Hazel Kirkpatrick, Past Honored Queen; Grand Secretary, Rose Marie Reed, Past Honored Queen.

Flower presentation by Lonnie Schott.

Solo: "There's a Queen on the Throne" to the tune of "The Tree in the Meadow," words written and sung by Wilma Schilz, accompanist Dorothy Ann Reed.

Address of Honored Queen, Nancy McAttee.

Introduction of Pro Tem officers, escorts and honors.

Presentation of Past Queen's jewel, Mrs. White and Mr. Rudd.

Presentation of awards: Donna



Officers of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 15, who were installed Wednesday evening, are left to right: Margaret Ann Wade, Guide; Donna Rae Knerl, Senior Princess; Nancy McAttee, Honored Queen; Wanda White, Junior Princess; and Carolyn Morgan, Marshall. (Padgett Photo)

## VFW President Sponsors Drive



The \$65,000 Community Center, built by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States at the V. F. W. National Home, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Helen M. Murphy (Mrs. Laurence J.) Union, New Jersey, National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, is unique among the heads of women's patriotic organizations since she is the wife of a retired naval officer, the mother of two Second World War Naval veterans, and also holds a service record in her own right, as a Chief Yeoman (F) in the U. S. Navy, the highest rate attainable for women during World War I. Her training, experience and natural interest lend strength to the organization's participation in national affairs as they affect veterans, American ideals and national defense.

A native of Yonkers, N. Y., Mrs. Murphy, attended the elementary and high schools of that city and is also a graduate of Grace Institute in the City of New York. For the past twenty-four years, she has been a resident of Union, New Jersey, where she and her husband, Lt. Command (retired) Laurence J. Murphy, and her three sons, Laurence, Charles and John make their home.

Active in civic affairs, Always active in civic, church and community affairs, Mrs. Murphy has won national recognition for her efforts in aiding cancer research work. In September, 1948, as National Senior Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, she and three other officers of the organization were elected associates of the Roscoe B. Jackson Memorial Laboratories at Bar Harbor, Maine.

Mrs. Murphy entered the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1932 as the first president and a charter member of the M. A. Kelly Auxiliary 2433 of Union, New Jersey. Her eligibility was based upon the Mediterranean Campaign Service in World War I of her husband, Lt. Command, Laurence J. Murphy.

She was elected National President of the National Encampment held in St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 1948. Her election followed a succession of honors in the national organization where she had served at Patriotic Instructor, Member of the Council of Administration, Chief of Staff, Chaplain, Junior and Senior Vice Presidents. Previous to that she had served in various capacities of the County, District and State branches of Auxiliary work and from 1939-40 was president of the Department of New Jersey Ladies Auxiliary to the V. F. W.

Lou Rudd for bringing in the most new members and Wanda White, Ruth Ann Botts, Kathryn Brown, Ruth Ann Botts, Delores Turner, Doris Green; Senior Custodian, Gloria Hutchings; Junior Custodian, Janet Seaberg; First Messenger, Sandra Ryan; Second Messenger, Jo Ellen Thornton; Third Messenger, De Ann Rodgers; Fourth Messenger, Shirley Wilson; Fifth Messenger, Beverly Wolf.

The meeting closed with members singing Christmas carols.

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The home, both inside and out, was artistically decorated. On the outside of the door was a pine spray with cones, red bows and two red boots. The glass panels on either side had "Merry Christmas" painted on them and another window was a Christmas scene which had been painted by Mrs. Rucker's son, Wayne. The centerpiece on the dining room table was in the form of a star with Christmas greens in which were set red candles and red, gold and silver Christmas ornaments.

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## Garden Club Circles Have Holiday Meets

Circle number three of the Sedalia Garden Club met at 1:00 o'clock Friday afternoon for a Christmas dinner at the Sedalia Country Club.

The table centerpiece was a small Christmas tree with spruce, red and silver ornaments and red candles completing the decorations. Favors were tulip buds wrapped in red and green cellophane.

Dinner was followed by singing Christmas carols and a Christmas story was given by Mrs. H. U. Campbell.

Mrs. T. E. Donaldson, exhibit chairman, presented gifts to Mrs. G. W. Chambers and Miss Helen Bapple for receiving the most ribbons during the year.

Mrs. W. O. Stanley, president, remembered each member with a Christmas card.

Games followed the meeting.

Guests were Mrs. Bert Hathaway, Mrs. Myrtle Van Deran, Mrs. W. F. Dunkin, Mrs. John Linville, Miss Maurine Harris, Mrs. F. L. Keeney, Mrs. W. E. Johnson, Mrs. H. F. Schrankler, Mrs. W. C. Housel, Mrs. H. R. Harris, Mrs. J. J. Chipman and Mrs. M. J. Elsea.

Hostesses were Mrs. H. U. Campbell, Mrs. L. H. Hodges, Mrs. T. H. Yount, Mrs. A. R. Scott, Mrs. Arthur Hoffman and Mrs. G. H. Routzong.

Circle number four of the Sedalia Garden Club held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Fred Kurek, 1404 West Fourth street Friday afternoon with Mrs. Ida Harriman, Mrs. R. C. Smalley, Mrs. J. P. Hurtt, Mrs. W. L. Monegan and Mrs. F. B. Meyer.

The home was decorated for the Christmas season with a lighted tree surrounded with a miniature village in the music room. A blinking Santa Claus blinked his eyes at the guests as he was going down the chimney.

The dining room was a bower of Christmas sentiment and tables were glowing with small lighted candles which were favors.

As the guests entered the home they were welcomed by Santa Claus who led them to the mistletoe where he gave them a kiss.

A turkey dinner was served to 25 members and eight guests: Hilary Bruster, Mrs. W. F. Strickert, Mrs. Alvin Trueblood, Mrs. George Landis, Mrs. Bob Reed, Mrs. Mayne Rider, Mrs. Henry Eckhoff and Mrs. Frank Roukha.

Mr. Brewster gave the blessing as all joined hands. Christmas carols were played during the dinner.

A short business meeting was presided over by Mrs. Ida Harriman, president and the program was turned over to the program chairman, Mrs. C. F. Scotten with Mrs. W. L. Monegan assisting.

Following a brief talk by Mr. Brewster a short devotional was given in keeping with the Christmas season.

Mr. Brewster told of the origin of the Christmas tree by Martin Luther, 400 years ago, who brought the little tree to his home for the Christmas time and later gave the idea to the world.

Mrs. Scotten introduced Mrs. Bob Reed who sang a solo, "The Infant Jesus," with Mrs. W. L. Monegan as accompanist. Mrs. Reed and Mrs. W. L. Lewis then sang "Silent Night."

Mrs. Scotten told the story of "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer," which was written by Robert May and made popular by Sevell Avery who introduced Rudolph at a big Christmas party for children.

The program closed with the singing of Christmas carols by members, after which Santa Claus again appeared with gifts for the members and will be taken to the two children's nurseries.

Twenty-three members of Circle No. 5 of the Sedalia Garden Clubs, were entertained Friday in the home of Mrs. F. I. Lawrence, of 1600 West Sixteenth street. Assisting Mrs. Lawrence were: Mrs. M. L. Edwards and Mrs. F. W. Haggard.

A contributive turkey dinner was served at 12:00 o'clock noon. The home was decorated with Christmas greenery and candles; Mrs. W. J. Frost was in charge of the discussion. A short business session meeting was held; Mrs. S. O. Brill gave the program, "Christmas in Other Lands." She told of some of the customs followed by other peoples. The gift exchange was held.

Packages were judged by exhibit committee and the following awards were made: First, Bill; second, E. W. Kettleston; third, Mrs. W. J. Frost. Small packages, Mrs. Clarence Doo; second, Norton Heffernan; third, Mrs. F. I. Lawrence. Large package, first, Mrs. P. L. Strole; second, Mrs. Fred Wertz; third, Mrs. William Bunn.

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The meeting closed with members singing Christmas carols.

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The home, both inside and out, was artistically decorated. On the outside of the door was a pine spray with cones, red bows and two red boots. The glass panels on either side had "Merry Christmas" painted on them and another window was a Christmas scene which had been painted by Mrs. Rucker's son, Wayne. The centerpiece on the dining room table was in the form of a star with Christmas greens in which were set red candles and red, gold and silver Christmas ornaments.

## Helen G. Steele Music Club of Sedalia Goes Back 55 Years

Time turned backward in its flight for the Helen G. Steele Music Club last Wednesday. On that day the club celebrated its fifty-fifth anniversary by duplicating as nearly as possible its first regular program.

In September of 1893 a group of music lovers formed an organization for the furtherance and study of music in all its branches, which has continued in unbroken service to Sedalia with performance of consistently high standard.

Throughout the years the club has generously served the town in every possible way. Before the advent of records and radio, and easy travel to concerts and operas in the larger cities, these ladies with untiring effort brought the finest orchestras, singers and musicians which America produced to Sedalia audiences.

In addition to this, they fostered and encouraged talent among their own members with program effort creditable to musicians anywhere. Outstanding celebrations such as the Schubert, and pageants beautiful in the extreme, as the Masque of Dead Florentines and the incomparable Shakespearean Tercentenary will never be excelled and seldom equaled.

The first open program of the Ladies Music Club, as it was then called, was faithfully copied in form of the year book of 1893-1894:

President, Mrs. M. E. Donohoe  
Vice-President, Mrs. F. H. Guenther  
Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Maybelle Richardson  
Librarian, Mrs. S. K. Bullard  
Executive and Program Committee, Mrs. B. W. Zimmerman  
Mrs. S. Gregg, Miss Gallie  
1. Chorus (Music Club of 1893)  
"Off in the Still Night"

"Lullaby" Arr. Howard  
Meadames Bratten, Hunt, Beach, Demand, Johnson and Schrankler  
Mrs. Salvator, accompanist  
2. Song (Miss Beulah Harris)  
"Should He Upbraid?" Bishop  
Mrs. Homer Keith  
Miss Fox, accompanist  
3. Piano Solo (Miss May Jaynes)  
"Minuet" Paderevski  
4. Song (Miss Gallie)  
"Hindoo Song" Bernberg  
Mrs. Demand  
5. The Ladies Musical Club in Review  
Mrs. G. V. Sneed  
Mrs. Yancey, accompanist  
6. Vocal Trio (Misses Shirk, Thornton and Van Antwerp)  
"Rose Waltz" Moritz Peuschel  
Meadames Hunt, Schrankler and Demand  
Mrs. Salvator, accompanist  
7. Piano (Mrs. Billings)  
"Fantasia Impromptu" Opus 66  
Miss Mabel DeWitt  
8. Song (Miss Gallie)  
"The Destruction of the Assyrians" Boott  
Mrs. Beach  
Mrs. Yancey, accompanist  
9. Chorus (Ladies Musical Club)  
"The Lost Chord" Sullivan  
Meadames Beach, Bratten, Demand, Hunt, Johnson, Schrankler  
10. Piano Due (Misses Lillie and Beulah Harris)  
"Charge of the Amazons" Spindler  
Mrs. Ross and Miss DeWitt



# Personals

Mrs. K. B. Rowlette, 1606 West Ninth street, returned home Thursday, after a visit in Kansas City.

Mrs. George Weekly and sons Gary and Valyn have returned to their home in Oswatomie, Kas., after spending several days visiting Mrs. Weekly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. McMurren, of 918 East Fourteenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Knox, 413 South New York avenue, left Thursday for Yuma, Ariz., to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Fine. Mr. Fine is also a former Sedalia, Mo., resident.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Fine, 1317 South Carver street, and Mrs. Hugo Sparr, 1102 West Fourth street, will go to St. Louis today where Mr. Sparr will attend a meeting of the Missouri Automobile Club board.

Mrs. W. F. Degearmorie of Houston, Texas, has returned to her home, after spending the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Roach, of 421 North Grand avenue.

## Community News From

### Pilot Grove

(MISS ROSELLA KREISEL)

Mrs. John Ries and Edward Ries spent Sunday in California, visiting with Mrs. Ries' daughter, Mrs. R. R. Ries, and son, Mr. Raymond R. Ries, of Fayette, spent Tuesday evening visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Coleman.

J. B. Tally and Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Williams of Sedalia, visited relatives here Sunday.

C. C. Brownfield passed away Tuesday morning at his home in Pilot Grove. Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church today (Friday).

Mrs. O. J. Phillips, Miss Rosella Kreisel, and Leroy Stegner spent Thursday in Kansas City.

Jewel Hurt, who is employed in Kansas City, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hurt.

Mr. Marvin Mayo and Miss Mary Woolledge spent Saturday in Sedalia.

Mrs. Andy Bestgen of Tipton, visited several days with her mother, Mrs. Ella Zeller.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Stegner announce the birth of a son born December 13. The child weighed eight pounds, eight ounces and has been given the name Kenneth Gene.

## Phillips Cuts Crude Oil Price

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., Dec. 16.—(AP)—The Phillips Petroleum company announced tonight "with considerable regret" that it was slashing 35 cents off its \$3.00 a barrel price for top grade crude oil, in effect since Sept. 28, and reverting to the \$2.65 maximum at 7 a. m. tomorrow.

Failure of other major oil companies to match the 35-cent hike was blamed for the retrenchment by K. S. Adams, Phillips president.

Only one major, Sinclair Prairie Oil Company, and a half dozen smaller independents in the mid-continent area had met the increase.

While conceding defeat in the company's efforts to maintain the \$3.00 crude top, Adams said: "It is our conviction that the higher crude price we are now withdrawing is essential to cover the greatly increased (production) costs. Without it the exploration and drilling program would not be meeting demand and would not be forthcoming, thus making this country even more dependent on uncertain foreign sources of oil."

"A foreign oil supply thousands of miles away," Adams said, "is a slender thread on which to hang our national security in these days of strained international affairs."

Loss of the nation's 500,000 barrels of daily oil imports would immediately cause "an unprecedented oil shortage," he said.

The price cut is effective on all grades of crude in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas and Montana where Phillips is a purchaser of crude oil.

In Tulsa, independent oil producers received news of the lowered price with disappointment.

## Recluse Made Ready For War

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Dec. 16.—(AP)—A 75-year-old recluse who was preparing to fight the next war was found dead today in a junk-crammed home.

The house contained many kinds of war materials, including guns and trunks full of uniforms of the Spanish-American war.

Neighbors had not seen Harry Adams Hilton for about three days. So today deputy sheriffs dug their way through junk and found Hilton, a large man, dead in a hollowed-out place among sacks and newspapers.

The deputies found crowbars among the junk and tore out the side of a wall. Then they had to dig through six feet of piled up junk to reach the body.

Neighbors said the old man was preparing to fight the next war and was saving all the war equipment he could obtain.

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## OBITUARIES

**Mrs. Julian H. Bagby Service**

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada Dunlap Bagby, wife of Mayor Julian H. Bagby, 234 South Montau avenue, who died at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at the St. Luke's hospital, Kansas City, after a long illness, will be held at the Calvary Episcopal church at 10:30 o'clock this morning, the Rev. James E. Merrick, rector, to officiate. Mrs. James Atkinson will play the organ.

Pallbearers will be: R. F. Rohn, Edward S. Behen, William D. Steele, Rex Corley, E. P. Miller and James I. Collins.

Interment will be made in the Crown Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Bagby is survived by her husband, two sons, William Earl Seelen and Robert Mark Seelen, of Sedalia, one sister, Miss Ina Dunlap of Moline, Ill.; also four grandchildren, Susan and Sarah Seelen, children of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Seelen, and James and Joyce Seelen, children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Seelen.

She was a member of the Calvary Episcopal church, of the St. Mary's Guild of the church and of Sorosis.

The body was brought to Sedalia Wednesday evening and taken to McLaughlin's chapel where it will remain until the hour of services.

**Mrs. Josephine Swope**

Mrs. Josephine Swope, 89, formerly of Knob Noster died at her home in Wichita, Kas., Saturday, December 11, having been an invalid for several years.

Mrs. Swope was born April 26, 1859 in Knob Noster, daughter of William and Sarah Frances Chesler. She was married to William Swope who preceded her in death. She is survived by two daughters and five sons: Mrs. James Bohling of Eugene, Oregon; Mrs. G. A. Richardson of Salina, Kas.; William Swope of Wichita, Kas.; Claude of San Diego, Calif.; Chester of Tulsa, Okla.; Ralph of Cave City, Ark., and Clarence of Knob Noster. Mrs. H. N. Gillum, Mrs. F. L. Neitzert and Miss Mary Mahin of Knob Noster are nieces.

Funeral services were held at the Sault-Baker funeral home in Knob Noster Monday afternoon with the Rev. Lloyd Wasson, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating.

Mrs. S. L. Doggett and Mrs. C. F. Covey sang: "Does Jesus Care" and "In the Garden."

Pallbearers were: Cliff Swope, John Beatty, John Boyd, A. S. Adcock, Albert Curnutt and Otto Baldwin.

Burial was in the Knob Noster cemetery.

**Walter Blockberger**

Walter Blockberger, a son of W. J. Blockberger, former Sedalia, died Wednesday night at Fulton, Ky., Sedalia friends learned today.

He was manager of the Swift and company plant in Fulton, having started here with the company 25 years ago.

He leaves one brother, Cletus Blockberger.

When in Sedalia the family lived at 1203 South Lamine avenue.

**Funeral of Mrs. Sarah E. Rauch**

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah E. Rauch, wife of C. W. Rauch, 2000 East Fourteenth street, were held at the Ewing funeral home at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

The Rev. H. U. Campbell, pastor of the Fifth Street Methodist church, officiated.

Mrs. W. L. Lewis sang, "Shadows," and "Abide With Me," accompanied by Mrs. Mae Moser at the organ.

The following friends served as pallbearers: John Taylor, John Kellars, Don Walz, Donald Patton, W. R. Sterling, Arnold Ellis.

Following the service the body was taken to Grant city, Mo., where short services were held at the Prugh funeral home at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon with Rev. Ted Masters officiating.

Interment was in the Mt. Vernon cemetery.

**Funeral of Mrs. Tracy Dee Boyer**

Funeral services for Mrs. Tracy Dee Boyer, 525 East Fourth street, who died at the Bothwell hospital Tuesday night, were held at the Ewing funeral home at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The Rev. Walter P. Arnold, pastor of the East Sedalia Baptist church, officiated.

Mrs. J. M. Scott and Mrs. Walter P. Arnold sang "Shadows," "Near To The Heart of God" and "The Last Mile of the Way," accompanied by Mrs. Mae Moser at the organ.

Friends who served as pallbearers were: Everett Kelley, Oscar Monsees, Nelson White, Leon White, Aubrey Owen and W. J. Wade.

Interment was in the Boyer family lot in the Crown Hill cemetery.

**Albert H. Ehlers**

Albert H. Ehlers, aged 54, of Cole Camp, died Tuesday morning, December 14, at the Veterans hospital in Wadsworth, Kas. Mr. Ehlers had been in failing health for some time, and entered the hospital last Sunday.

Mr. Ehlers was born March 28, 1894, and had lived all his life on a farm south of Cole Camp, having moved into the town very recently. He was a veteran of World War I.

A short funeral service will be conducted at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Eickhoff funeral home in Cole Camp, and other services will be held at 2:00 o'clock at the Trinity Mt. Hulda church with the pastor, Rev. A. E. Krahn, officiating.

Pallbearers will be: Arthur Kroenke, Ben Lutjen, Amos Lutjen, Albert Lutjen, Emil Ebeling, and Elmer Ehlers.

Burial will be in the Trinity Lutheran church cemetery.

**Funeral of Harry T. Smith**

Private funeral services for Harry T. Smith, aged 22, who died Wednesday evening from self-inflicted wounds, will be held at 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of his aunt, Mrs. George V. Reed, 114 West Broadway.

Rev. J. E. Merrick, rector of the

## Forest Smith Led Thompson 223,028 Votes

### Official Count Completed; Shows No Material Change

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Forest Smith rode into office as Missouri's next governor on a wave of 223,028 votes. The official canvass showed today he beat Republican Murray Thompson by 223,028 votes.

The count for governorship was Smith, Democrat, 223,028; Thompson, Republican, 67,064; Robt. Logsdon, Progressive 2,874; Ralph E. Gipe, Socialist 1,117; Henry W. Genck, Socialist-Labor 191.

State Auditor Smith's margin for governor was slightly less than the 262,276 majority Missouri gave President Truman over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in the presidential race.

**Donnelly Had Less Majority**

Four years ago Democratic Gov. Phil M. Donnelly defeated John Paul Bradshaw, Republican, 79,450 to 782,908, a margin of 30,462.

All other Democratic candidates for state office were swept to victory in the Truman landslide. Secretary of State Edgar C. Nelson's official count showed no material changes from unofficial Associated Press returns on election night.

In his first statewide race, W. H. Holmes, Vienna Democrat, topped the state ticket for the victor. Holmes, a veteran legislator, piled up a majority of 256,337 in winning election as state auditor.

The vote was Holmes 902,854; F. Reed Grainger, Republican, 646,467; Elizabeth Erbe, Socialist, 1,147; George B. Cross, Socialist-Labor 147; George Kimmel, Progressive 2,811; William Finke, Prohibition 3.

**Taylor A Repeater**

Democratic Attorney General J. E. Taylor, the only repeater, won re-election over Republican Herbert Douglas 900,943 to 648,552, Douglas Macleod, Progressive, got 2,889. It will be Taylor's second four-year term.

Official totals on the three constitutional amendment proposals on the Nov. 2 general election ballot were delayed temporarily. Dade county's report was late but arrived this morning.

Here are the results in other states:

**Blair's Vote**

Lieutenant governor — James T. Blair, Jr., Democrat 900,673; George H. Miller, Republican 652,776; Vernon M. Schroeder, Socialist 1,118; Julius B. Jones, Progressive 2,863; David Doonen, Prohibition 3.

Secretary of state — Walter H. Toberman, Democrat 899,914; Roy Scullin, Republican 652,847; Alice B. Verburg, Socialist 1,199; Bertha Bontell, Prohibition 1.

Treasurer — M. E. Morris, Democrat, 902,394; Vern F. Carpenter, Republican, 646,906; Lucy Henschel, Socialist 1,101; Thomas Baef, Socialist-Labor 145; James W. Cowen, Progressive 2,828; F. H. Jackson, Prohibition 4.

The Prohibition party was not on the ballot. Its few write-in votes came from St. Louis.

**Kills Wife's Alleged Suitor**

RACELAND, Ky., Dec. 16.—(AP)—The 34-year-old father of two teenagers was released on \$8,000 bond last night, after he was charged with murdering a railroad construction worker by whom his wife, Mildred, 34, said she had been made pregnant.

Sherman McBrayer, a former coach at Raceland high school, gave himself up at police headquarters, said Sheriff William Adkins of Greenup county, after his railroad blast had almost decapitated his wife's alleged suitor.

The sheriff said McBrayer told him he shot Vincent O. See, 40, a railroad construction worker of Moorefield, W. Va., in self defense.

The shooting occurred in the McBrayer car, after McBrayer and his wife had picked up See at his rooming house and driven a short distance down the road, soon after Mrs. McBrayer made known her condition.

**Mother And Two Sons Killed**

MONTGOMERY CITY, Mo., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Mrs. Edward Trower, Donald, 4, and Kenneth, 4, mother and two sons, were killed today. Another son, Terry, 2, suffered a fractured skull and was taken to a St. Louis hospital.

Mrs. Trower's husband, a farmer and driver of the truck, was only slightly injured as were the occupants of the car, Mr. and Mrs. George Duff, of Middleton, Mo.

Montgomery County Coroner C. W. Linnert said the two vehicles were going in opposite directions on a narrow gravel road when the accident occurred.

**Divorce Petition Filed**

Mrs. Helen Bernard Thursday filed suit for divorce from Joseph Britt Bernard, alleging general indignities in her petition. The couple was married February 4, 1927, and separated in May of 1947.

One child was born to this union, now twenty years old.

Frank T. Armstrong is the attorney for the plaintiff.

Calvary Episcopal church, will officiate.

**George H. Taft**

Dr. and Mrs. Roy M. Keller, 300 West Third street, left Thursday night for Chicago, Ill., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Keller's brother, George H. Taft which will be held Saturday. They will return home Sunday.

Mrs. C. H. Segbers, of this city, is also a sister of Mrs. Taft but is unable to go to Chicago.

## United States Defense System Costly

### Well Constructed, But Not Yet Working Well, Report States

By Elton C. Fay

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—This country's national defense system is "enormously" costly and its machinery needs overhauling, a Hoover commission "task force" reported today.

A 211-page critique said the unified military establishment set up by law last year "is, on the whole, soundly constructed, but is not yet working well."

A 14-member advisory committee to the commission on organization of the executive branch of the government, headed by former President Herbert Hoover, cautioned that Russian strategy may be to keep American defense costs mounting in an effort to gain "victory by bankruptcy."

The committee recommended this six-point program to hold dollar outlays within bounds and improve the operations of the security setup:

**More Direct Control Needed**

1. Give the secretary of defense more direct control over the three armed forces because his present "difficulties lie in vague authority."

2. Take steps to assure a "fuller measure of teamwork" among the offices and services which compose the national military establishment and the top-level national security organization.

3. Overhaul the military budget system because the "military services are far too prodigal with government funds."

The committee said strategic plans presented by the armed forces to the munitions board last fall called for an outlay of \$80,000,000,000 and the initial estimates for the fiscal year beginning next July 6 "added up to more than \$30,000,000,000."

This was scaled down to \$15,000,000,000 only by "the most earnest effort" by secretary of defense Forrestal and a specific directive from President Truman, the report said.

**Coordinate Research Planning**

4. Relate scientific research more closely to strategic planning.

The failure to have war planning geared to feasible scientific developments was said to constitute "one of the most glaring deficiencies in the whole panorama of the national security organization."

The joint chiefs of staff (the commanders of army, navy and air forces) "feel that their strategic responsibility must not be impaired, yet the simple fact is that the joint chiefs of staff are not equipped for technical evaluation." Such evaluation requires scientific analysis "of a sort not generally found in uniform." (Forrestal yesterday announced the creation of a joint chiefs-research board group on weapons evaluation.)

**Speed Up Plans**

5. Speed up plans for civilian mobilization in case of war, including economic, industrial and manpower mobilization. In another section, the committee said the condition of the nation's stockpile of strategic materials needed for a war is "deplorable."

6. Make adequate provision for use of and protection against "unconventional means of warfare." This includes "not only the atom bomb, but the other biological and chemical weapons that have appeared, definitely and terrifyingly upon the horizon of warfare."

**S-C Tigers Play Hannibal Tonight**

The first conference and home basketball game of the season will be played tonight at 8:00 o'clock between the Smith-Cotton Tigers and Hannibal on the Tigers' home court, Smith-Cotton high school.

Hannibal defeated the Tigers 36-34 last Saturday which won them the pre-season conference tilt. Smith-Cotton ranked second, so this game will probably be an exciting one for the basketball season.

The Tigers were defeated in a road game at Tipton by a score of 31-41, but have maintained victory since, defeating Windsor 33-32, and Marshall 45-33. The team defeated Kemper 36-35 and Jefferson City 37-34 during the conference tilt at Jefferson City.

At the game tonight, the Smith-Cotton pep band will be on hand during intermission, and other intervals to swing out on several numbers.

**Organized Reserves Hold Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Organized Reserves was held at the Sedalia Armory Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting was addressed by Colonel Earl J. Nelson, Infantry Reserve, who talked on "The Duties of a Logistics Officer." Colonel Nelson is instructor in Logistics at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, and has served extensively in active duty as well as instructing.

An appropriate training film was shown. Active duty credits were given for attendance.

**Another Ring Missing**

Another ring was reported missing to police by David Elliott, of the Elliott Jewelry store, 216 South Ohio, Thursday.

The ring had onyx set with a small diamond with reported value of \$60.

He told police this ring was probably taken along with one he reported missing from a front show window, Monday morning.

**Democrat-Capital Class ads get results, 10 words, 1 day, 80c, Phone 1000.**

## No Trees For Trailer-Camp M. U. Students

### Camp Secretary Awaiting Word From Vice President

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Children of former GI's who are attending the University of Missouri here and living in trailer camps may have to go without their Christmas trees—but Leslie Cowan, vice-president of the university, was hearing about it in no uncertain terms today.

Cowan yesterday announced that trees in the trailers were considered "unsafe" and should be removed. Then his telephone began to ring.

Mrs. Tom Spragle, camp secretary at GI City, one of three trailer camps operated by the university, today was still waiting an answer to her telephone call to Cowan yesterday in which she asked him on what authority he had acted. That sent the university vice-president to his lawyers and he promised an answer today.

**Out of Town**

But today Cowan's office said he was "out of town" and would not be back until Monday. Mrs. Spragle said that her tree is fire-proof—and she expressed dismay that Cowan had left town without answering her question.

Nor was she satisfied with a substitute out-of-doors tree that university authorities had provided at her trailer camp. The original tree, provided by the university, had been trimmed down by students so that it would go inside the community house at the camp. When the university authorities found that out, they took the tree away. Then they brought another one, with strict instructions that it was to stay out of doors.

"If they think we're going to have our Christmas party outdoors in the cold, they're mistaken," Mrs. Spragle said.

**Like Sentinels**

Other camp officers, Mrs. Pat Casey at Dairy Lawn and Bob Rickerson at Fairway Village, expressed like sentiments.

Mrs. Casey pointed out that this is the third Christmas in camp and nothing like this has happened before.

In the meantime, the University office of public information issued a statement, quoting Fire Chief Tom Walden on the dangers of Christmas trees, recounting the barrage of criticism against the absent Cowan, and expressing his regret that the children in the trailer camps would be disappointed.

That's why the university decided on a community Christmas tree for each camp—out of doors.

**Dismissed On Old Murder Charge**

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Using the legal knowledge he had acquired in the prison library, a 47-year-old convict today won dismissal of a murder charge to which he pleaded guilty 30 years ago.

He is Richard Monahan, who in 1918 pleaded guilty to the fatal shooting of Thomas F. Brennan, a packing-house cashier.

After years of efforts, aided by two brothers and three sisters, he obtained a habeas corpus writ and a hearing last Nov. 22 before the state supreme court. He contended he had not been offered legal counsel. He won a retrial, but today the case was dismissed at the request of the prosecutor's office. Lamar W. Dye, an assistant prosecutor, said the staff had been unable to find any evidence against Monahan in the case.

Monahan will not go free at once, however. He will be returned to Jefferson City in connection with a life sentence under the habitual criminal act, assessed while he was out on parole in 1933.

He said he planned to file a writ of habeas corpus on the grounds that dismissal of the murder charge made the habitual criminal act inapplicable.

"This is my best Christmas in a whole lifetime," Monahan said after the hearing. "I've been in so long I don't know what to say. When I was just a kid I wasn't guilty but I didn't know what was going on."

**Murder Charge in Hatchet Slaying**

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A first degree murder charge was filed against Floyd Rollings yesterday in the hatchet slaying of his 6-month-old daughter, Donna Anne.

A preliminary hearing was set for December 23, and the 27-year-old St. Louis University dental student was held without bond.

Earlier at an inquest Mrs. Rollings testified her husband had expressed worry over his school work, his finances and the family's future. They have another daughter, 2.

Rollings did not testify and a coroner's jury returned a verdict of homicide naming him as the baby's slayer.

**At Convention Of Hotel Association**

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bauman, proprietors of the St. Francis hotel, attended the annual convention of the Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma Hotel Association, held in Little Rock, Ark. In the party with Mr. and Mrs. Bauman were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sheeche, manager of the Missouri hotel in Jefferson City, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Dietz of the Howard hotel, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Huson of the Belvedere hotel, both of Kansas City.

Following the convention, they journeyed to Hot Springs, Ark., where they were guests of W. E. Chester of the Arlington hotel.

## A Lousy Little \$5,000 a Week Isn't Everything, Says Actress

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**No More Of It**

"I am determined to never set my name to another one."

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Miss Wright got fired yesterday by her boss, movie producer Samuel Goldwyn. Goldwyn called Miss Wright "uncooperative." She had, he said, refused to go to New York to publicize a picture in which she is co-starred.

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## St. Louis Meat Cutters Quit

### Members of an AFL meat cutters union went on strike today at 29 supermarkets in Greater St. Louis and Butchers employed by 126 other markets and chain stores awaited a strike call.

The union rejected employers' latest wage offers at a mass meeting early today. Nick Blasse, president of the local union, said butchers are determined to stand by their wage and working condition demands and "will not take a dime less."

Meat cutters are asking for increases of \$7.50 a week for head butchers, and \$6.50 for journeymen, and a 42-hour week.

The employers' latest offer is \$6 and \$5.50 and a 42 1/2 hour week. The 185 butchers on strike were directed to go to their stores to secure meat supplies against spoilage while going on strike. Some stores yesterday sold meat at greatly reduced prices to clear the counters.

Chain stores, such as Kroger and A. and P., had butchers on the job waiting for further orders from their union committees. These stores employ 33 meat cutters.

## Triplets, Aged Ten Months, Anxiously Await Santa Claus

DOROTHY, Pa., Dec. 16.—(AP)—The Zavada quadruplets are preparing for their first visit from Santa Claus and two of the infants may walk right up to the old gent.

The babies were ten months old yesterday. Their proud mother, Mrs. Barbara Zavada, insists that two of the girls are trying to take steps. The precocious members of the quartet are Barbara Rose and Anna Mary.

That brings up the major Christmas shopping problem of the Zavada family—a stroller built for two.

"We'll need a twin stroller for them and I don't think even

Santa has heard of that," Mrs. Zavada fretted.

Still content to crawl are John and Bernadette.

Everything is ready for the babies' first Christmas including a tree which will be decorated the day before.

As Mrs. Zavada related her problems, one of the quads cried in the background.

"That's John Michael," Mrs. Zavada. "You get so you can recognize their cries as well as their features. They're all different you know."

But only to a mother's eye. To anyone else the blond, blue-eyed babies appear identical—except John Michael. He's the only one who wears rompers.

## Chiang Kai-shek Partnership A Wonderful Love Match

By DeWitt MacKenzie AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Years ago while visiting in the home of the late Anthony Hope I asked the famous but then aging romanticist whether he was writing another novel, and he replied with a wistful smile:

"No. Romance comes easier when one is young."

As a generalization that like is so. Still, truth is stranger than fiction, and not even in his heyday, when he dreamed such tales as "the prisoner of Zenda," could Sir Anthony have produced anything surpassing the real-life drama being enacted by one of history's most notable couples—the Chiangs.

Kai-shek, there is a great love story.

Over in China Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is fighting with back to wall to stave off disaster at the hands of the Chinese Communist rebels. The fate of his government—of China itself—is at stake. So is the personal fate of this dynamic personality who for a score of years has guided his country through the vicissitudes of civil and international war.

**A Wonderful Love Match**

During that long time Chiang's has been his brilliant, American-educated wife, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, whose genius has made her one of the most remarkable women of our time. Through-out this tragic phase of China's Odyssey she has stood by him, even risking her life to save his.

Small wonder that all China has come to look on this partnership as a wonderful love-match.

So it isn't strange that we find her now in Washington as the Generalissimo's most trusted aid efficient ambassador, seeking aid for her country. It is stated that she has been unsuccessful.

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Met in 1922

replied majestically. "This is a C-74."

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There is no chatter between British and Americans because the radios are on different frequencies. Moreover, the British take a very dim view of this type of entertainment. The only exchanges are when an American plane lands or takes off from Gatow, the British field in Berlin. One plane was lined up ready for the takeoff.

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